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Anger over US refusal to help rebels

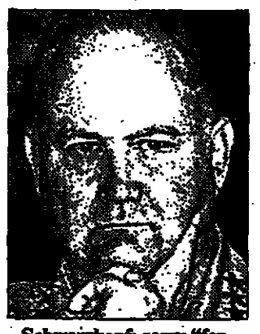
Schwarzkopf apologises for Gulf outburst

From Susan Ellicott in Washington and Michael Theodolou in Nicosia

GENERAL Norman Schwarzkopf has apologised to President Bush for suggesting that he opposed the decision to stop the Gulf war. The allied commander, who said on Wednesday that he had recommended that America "continue the march" and annihilate Iraqi forces, told reporters yesterday that his choice of words had been poor.

General Schwarzkopf's apology came as it emerged in Washington that the president's decision to agree a ceasefire in part reflected growing concern among American soldiers at the carnage being wreaked on the retreating Iraqi army. Now Mr Bush is facing increasing anger at home over his refusal to intervene as rebels are crushed by President Saddam Hussein.

Kurds yesterday retreated from the northern oil city of Kirkuk, which they had held for a week. Loyalist forces were said to be in control of the south, and hundreds of Iraqis are fleeing to American lines with tales of atrocities.



Schwarzkopf: sorry "for poor choice of words"

Political commentators say that after 42 days of bombing, America has an obligation to play a role in what happens next, particularly as Mr Bush has repeatedly incited the Iraqis to rebellion.

In holding an impromptu press conference at his Saudi base yesterday, General Schwarzkopf underlined the growing controversy over America's handling of the end of the conflict. The allied commander sought to modify remarks during a television interview in which he said: "My recommendation had been to continue the march. We had them in a rout and we could have continued to reap great destruction on them. We could have made it a battle of annihilation." He was immediately rebuked by the defence secretary, Richard Cheney, who said that all the military leaders had endorsed the decision to cease fire.

Yesterday, General Schwarzkopf said: "I felt terrible that my words were being used to cast aspersions on the decisions made by the president or for that matter, the military. The president called me up to tell me 'forget it'. I apologised to the president. I said 'I am extremely sorry that a poor choice of words on my part in any way would result in dishonour cast upon you'." With hindsight, he would change the word "recommendation" to "we initially planned". He had been consulted on the decision to stop the war and had agreed with it.

But his comments yesterday raised questions about how a man with a proven media savvy, a military discipline and a genius-level IQ could slip up on a point of vocabulary. Administration officials were unlikely to be delighted that the general's remarks would almost certainly focus national media attention for a third day on a possible split between military and political officials at a time when the White House is being criticised for declaring neutrality on the rebellions.

The presidential spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said on Tuesday that American forces would not act to stop the Iraqi government from using helicopters against insurgents. But fixed-wing aircraft would be shot down and the use of chemical weapons would not be tolerated. That policy was ridiculed by Richard Cohen in *The Washington Post*. He wrote: "The murder of innocent civilians by artillery and conventional weapons is permitted, but not their death by poison gas. As if to die in conformity with the Geneva Convention changes matters any."

Officials have also made clear that the administration hopes that Saddam will be replaced by another figure from the ruling establishment. "To this inglorious end, we are ready to turn our face away from thew holesale slaughter of innocents and to abandon the last best hope of the beginning of freedom in Iraq," the conservative William Safire wrote in *The New York Times*. Anthony Lewis, another *Times columnist*, likened the American neutral stance to the Soviet inaction when the Nazis crushed the Warsaw rebellibn in 1944.

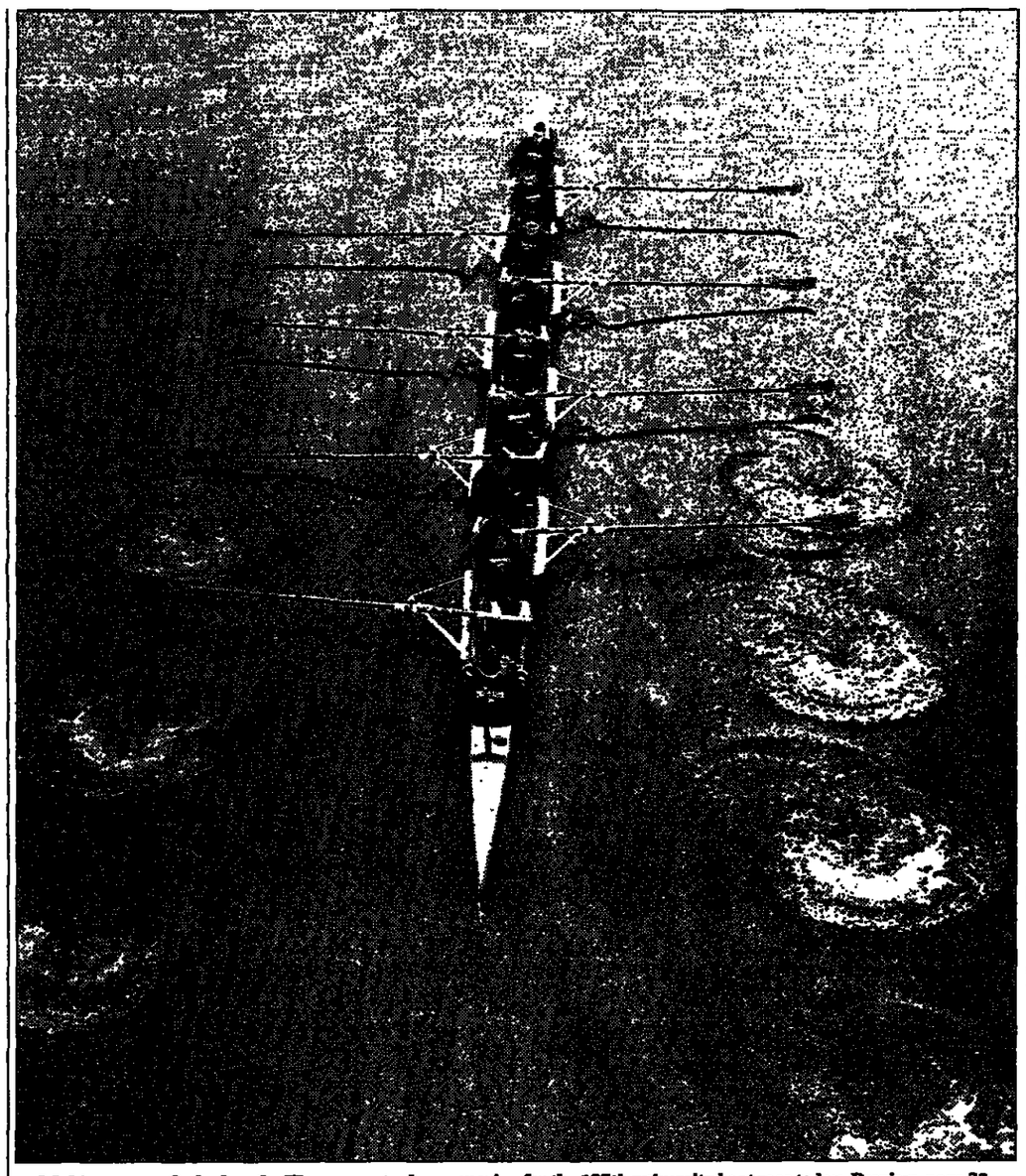
A White House spokesman said yesterday that the administration was deeply concerned about the human suffering in Iraq but insisted: "The issue of internal unrest in Iraq is an issue that has to be settled between the government and the people of Iraq." America had no UN mandate for intervention in Iraq.

But Saad Jabr, leader of the London-based Free Iraq Council, complained: "After urging us to get rid of Saddam, they left us with him and now he's bombing us with American-built helicopters."

Iraqi rebels fleeing to American lines at Safwan after Iraqi forces recaptured the last big town held by rebels in the south yesterday also appealed to the allies. "We need help to get rid of the butcher," Ghazi Abdul-Razzak said after escaping from Samawa as

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Making waves: Oxford on the Thames yesterday preparing for the 137th university boat race today. Preview, page 33

Bookies back a loser in racing levy

A bigger slice of the bookmakers' profits could go towards funding their sport, Richard Evans reports

MPs examining the funding of horse racing want bookmakers to contribute more towards the cost of running the sport, which generates over £4 billion in bets a year.

The Commons select committee on home affairs says that the bookmakers would have to meet the cost themselves, rather than passing it on to punters in higher taxes. Bookmakers are estimated to make annual profits of £150 million from racing. Although the committee's report on the racing levy system is not due to be published until May, the all-party group of MPs met for three hours this week to discuss its content.

The levy, equivalent to less than 1 per cent of betting turnover, will provide an estimated £38.5 million this financial year. The money, which helps to fund prizes, course improvements and security services, is paid by punters and included in their 10 per cent tax on bets. Bookmakers do not, make any direct contribution to the 10 per cent levy.

Poor prize-money is deterring owners, stable staff are paid low wages, and some courses could be forced to close. In other leading racing countries the profits from a Tote-style monopoly go back to the sport.

It is understood that MPs are investigating how the betting industry could contribute more, without threatening the livelihood of smaller bookmakers. The committee was left unimpressed by the betting industry's justification for including VAT costs — worth £20 million a year — in the punters' 10 per cent tax deductions.

Roger Gale, Conservative MP for Thanet North, said: "One of the things I found almost offensive was the bookmakers' attitude that the levy was a subsidy rather than a payment for a service. Without racing there would not be any bookmakers."

Maradona faces ban for using cocaine

By Our Sports Staff

DIEGO Maradona, the world's richest and most famous footballer, was yesterday found to have used cocaine. Maradona, aged 30, captain of Argentina and Naples, faces a ban from Italian football of between six months and two years.

Italian Football Federation officials yesterday disclosed that Maradona had failed a second drug test in Rome. Traces of cocaine and its derivatives were first found in a urine sample taken after the Italian league match against Bari on March 17. The outcome of the second test was announced after an examination at the National Institute for Sporting Medicine.

The federation's disciplinary committee is expected next week to decide Maradona's punishment, which is almost certain to end his career in Italy. He had planned to end his association with Naples, which began in June 1984, and either return to Argentina or move to Japan.

Maradona has been the most brilliant player of his generation, and the most controversial. In 1986, he was the scorer of the "hand of God" goal that helped to beat England in the quarter-finals of the World Cup. Argentina, under his captaincy, went on to win the tournament. He led Argentina to the World Cup final last year.

Since joining Naples, for £5 million, then a world record, Maradona has turned a little-regarded club into a giant of Italian football. Some estimates put his career earnings as high as £20 million.

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Hundreds more Jaguar jobs must go, unions told

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

JAGUAR last night said that hundreds more jobs would have to be cut from its workforce on top of 1,500 redundancies already planned as its car sales in Britain plummet.

Workers were called together on assembly lines to be told that several hundred more voluntarty redundancies would be needed by the end of the year, in addition to nearly 1,500 already agreed with unions, if the business was to remain financially viable.

Unions estimate that more than 500 jobs could go in the toughest year for Jaguar since the firm faced faced bankruptcy in 1980. Ray Lissaman, the Amalgamated Engineering Union's Coventry secretary, said the cuts would fall heavily on the company's 8,500 assembly workers.

Jaguar said: "The recession is clearly hurting every luxury car manufacturer, particularly those like us who make most of their sales in the UK and US where things have been very tough indeed over the last few months." Jaguar's fortunes have plunged since the heady days of 1984 when the company became the centrepiece of the government's privatisation programme with a successful £300 million flotation.

The euphoria was short-lived and two years ago, Ford bought the company for £1.6 billion. Sir John Egan, then chairman and chief executive, admitted that the firm could not generate enough cash as an independent business to fund the huge development and investment programmes needed to keep pace with German and Japanese rivals. He left the company shortly afterwards to be replaced by Bill Hayden, a long-serving Ford executive.

Since then, problems have deepened, with financial losses last year of about £50 million, a programme of redundancies and early retirements and short-time working over the past month.

Output, once set at 70,000 luxury cars and limousines annually, will be only 35,000 this year, the lowest for seven years. Apart from recession, Jaguar sales have been affected by new luxury taxes in the United States.

In Britain, the difficult start to the year was compounded by the Budget increase in value-added tax, which increases the price of an XJ6 saloon by between £500 and £900, and rises in taxation on company car users. Nine out of ten Jaguars are sold to company fleets.

Jaguar sales in the first two months of the year were down from 2,592 in 1990 to 1,350 with no prospect for revival without a radical change in the economic climate.

Halifax chases debts

By Lindsay Cook and Barbara Ellis

BRITAIN'S largest building society is using a debt collection agency to tackle mortgage defaulters who have handed in their keys because their homes are worth less than the outstanding loans.

The Halifax Building Society plans legal action against several former borrowers for losses incurred on repossessed properties.

Action against those who will not pay, as opposed to those who cannot pay, is to be co-ordinated by the Council of Mortgage Lenders, which will arrange the swapping of information on defaulters to ensure they cannot easily attempt to buy another property with a different lender.

Jim Birrell, the Halifax chief executive, emphasised that cases would not involve people facing genuine long-term hardship from illness or redundancy.

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Shot girl's mother in plea for no reprisals

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

THE mother of one of the three people murdered in an attack on an Ulster sweet shop appealed yesterday to fellow Catholics to resist the urge to retaliate. Mary Rennie, the mother of Katrina, aged 16, cried as she said: "I don't want any retaliation. Nothing is going to bring her back and I want no mother to suffer like me."

Katrina's friend Eileen Duffy, aged 19, and Brian Frizzell, aged 29, died on Thursday in the attack by Protestant paramilitaries on the shop in Craigavon, Co Armagh. Katrina's father, John, said his daughter's killers ought to be "put down". "To me they are vermin and should be treated as vermin," he said.

Last night the Protestant Action Force, a name used by the illegal Ulster Volunteer Force, said the attack was in retaliation for the recent murder of Margaret Cooke, a police widow. The group said that in future "all republican businesses and their staff and all those who serve or employ republican terrorists shall be regarded as targets".

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Dog bites dog after Miracle Max takes over

From Charles Bremner in New York

ONLY a fortnight after Robert Maxwell resurrected the *New York Daily News* from the edge of the grave, the publisher now finds himself at the heart of a snarling dogfight in which the three tabloid newspapers are vying for survival in a city big enough for only two.

New Yorkers have been entertained by a bout of mud-slinging mainly involving New York's newest press lord, or "Miracle Max" as his paper calls him, and Jimmy Breslin, the doyen of the old-time columnists. Headlines such as "Bully-boy Breslin: out-of-control hypocrite" have even distracted attention from more traditional items such as the "Mob Slaying in Broklyn" and "Mom Aged 12 Throws Baby in Trash Compactor". The facts are simple. The rebirth of the *Daily News* — the biggest of the three tabloids — after a long strike threatens the existence of the *New York Post* and *Newsday*, the recent upstart on the scene. Mr Breslin opened the war for *Newsday* on Monday, two days before 200 striking reporters and editors, accompanied by an Irish pipe band, marched along 42nd Street to go back to work at the Maxwell *Daily News*.



Front page news New York style

Mr Breslin, who made his name on the *News* in the 1960s as the tough-talking champion of the underdog, attacked Peter Kalikow, the property baron who owns the *Post*. "If there is one thing that I cannot stand, it's a rich guy who doesn't have any money," wrote Mr Breslin, suggesting that Mr Kalikow would have been wise to let his own newspaper report that he was having trouble with creditors.

The *Post* had its star columnist, Mike McAlary, open its offensive on Wednesday with a volley that dismissed Mr Maxwell as a "foreigner who has put the words 'Forward with New York' on the paper's masthead and announced a series of backward intentions that would run the paper into the ground".

Newsday also stepped up its guerrilla campaign against Mr Maxwell, which opened earlier this month with reports of alleged discontent among the crew of the Lady Ghislaine, Mr Maxwell's yacht.

Yesterday, the *New York Post* followed up, reporting that Mr Maxwell, who has taken personal charge of the *News*, had angered residents of Greenwich, Connecticut, by trying to install a helicopter pad on the roof of his new mansion there.

Meanwhile, from its lofty height, the *New York Times* observed that its down-market brethren now appeared to have embarked on a "bare-knuckled" feud. As for the headlined baby: it survived.

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Council spending plans may face yearly test at polls

By DOUGLAS BROOM AND KERRY GILL

MINISTERS are considering the introduction of annual municipal elections to force councillors to put their spending plans to the electorate each year.

The proposal, which is already Labour party policy, is disclosed by Chris Brearley, the senior civil servant responsible for local government finance at the environment department, in an article in today's *Municipal Journal*. Although he gave no details, it is understood that the plan would involve a quarter of the seats on district councils, which now set the poll tax in England and Wales, coming up for re-election every year.

David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said: "The only policy that this government has not filched from the Labour party is fair rates. I await the promised white paper with considerable anticipation to see if it is a full hand." Mr Brearley also said that the government planned to continue setting target figures for the amount each person should pay under the new local tax which will replace the community charge. He said "something like" the community charge for standard spending (CCSS), the government target against which poll tax figures set by councils are measured, would "probably live on" under the new system.



Blunkett: Labour policies "filched" by Tories

This year's target figure was £380 but the average poll tax for England was £392 before the Budget announcement of a £140 cut in all poll tax bills. A white paper on the replacement for the poll tax will be published in the third week of April and is expected to suggest a property tax adjusted according to the number of people living at each property.

Mr Brearley said that a comprehensive revaluation of property could be avoided by using "beacon" properties in each area to set the valuation for bands of different types of homes. A register of individual payers would probably not be needed, he added.

Well-placed sources insist that much work remains to be done on the white paper and Mr Brearley's remarks tend to confirm the impression that the ministers have yet to agree firm options for reform.

It emerged yesterday that the government's decision to scrap the poll tax was causing serious problems for councils in Scotland where the community charge was introduced a year before the rest of Britain. Strathclyde, Scotland's biggest region, which is still owed more than 40 per cent of this year's poll tax income, saw payment levels rise last autumn only to fall sharply when the end of the poll tax was signalled.

Non-payment levels are already higher than last year in most Scottish local authority areas, including Strathclyde, Lothian, Tayside, Fife and Central. About 300,000 people in Scotland have been issued with sheriffs' warrants for non-payment and councils now face fresh confusion caused by new bills having to be prepared to reflect the £140 a head poll tax reduction.

Highland region, which had to destroy 70,000 bills due to be sent out last week, said that new poll tax demands would not reach the public before June, with the first payments expected a month later.

MP urges reform of inquest powers

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

REFORM of the powers of coroners' courts was demanded yesterday by an MP after an inquest jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the 95 football supporters killed in the Hillsborough disaster.

Martin Flannery, Labour MP for Hillsborough, said that the verdict was utterly unsatisfactory and that the powers of coroners' courts were too limited to deal with tragedies with large loss of life.

The jury's decision will also revive debate within the legal profession about the future of coroners' courts, whose powers have been steadily eroded. Some lawyers believe that coroners are too wary about verdicts imputing blame such as "lack of care" and "unlawful killing" and think they should be required to conduct broader enquiries. Others, however, argue that there should be a further pruning of coroners' powers, so that their writ should be limited strictly to establishing the "how, when and where" of suspicious deaths.

One difficulty at coroners' courts is the unavailability of legal aid for victims' families. Coroners have also been criticised for their reluctance to empanel juries.

Relatives and friends of those killed at Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield have been appalled by the outcome of the 80-day inquest. The director of public prosecutions has ruled out bringing charges against South Yorkshire police, whose handling of the crowd was strongly criticised by Lord Justice Taylor in his report on the disaster.

Mr Flannery said: "Clearly there was blame somewhere but no jury likes to say so and that is unacceptable." He said there should be an appeal against the verdict, followed by a searching review of the powers of coroners' courts.

Writing a radical prescription

The health secretary expects the NHS reforms to mean more informed choices, Jill Sherman reports

ADRIAN BROOKS



Waldegrave under Walpole's eye: "There will be more noise but that will be a gain"

WILLIAM Waldegrave wants to be remembered as the first minister of health who was allowed to talk about health. On the eve of the implementation of the national health service reforms, Mr Waldegrave is impatient to move on. The financial and management systems needed for the changes were, he said, in place, ensuring a smooth launch.

Fifty-seven hospitals will opt out of health authority control on Monday and 306 GP practices will be able to shop around for hospital care. Hospital managers have signed thousands of contracts for their services, marking the start of an internal market where hospitals compete for patients.

The months of confrontation with other political parties and with the medical profession are largely over. Doctors have been falling over themselves to build bridges with Mr Waldegrave and there is a concerted effort, within the health service at least, to make the system work. By 1993 he expects all hospitals, with a few exceptions, to have become self governing.

That is not enough, however. "Now we have a proper managed system what are we going to do with it?" Mr Waldegrave's answer, which will be spelt out in a green paper in May and a white paper in the autumn, is to develop an effective health strategy for England. "We should decide what our needs are and why we are so bad at some things and good at others. Enoch Powell, in his book about the health service, said no health minister is allowed to talk about health. Perhaps that should be my monument: the first health minister allowed to talk about health."

Mr Waldegrave said that the nation must wake up to the fact that health care had to be rationed and priorities set. Previous health secretaries have always tried to avoid the debate about who should live and who should die, but Mr Waldegrave, a former fellow of All Souls, Oxford, has adopted this as his next intellectual challenge. Now that health authorities and GP fund-holders had more information about the services hospitals provide and the costs of procedures, they were more able to make rational choices, Mr Waldegrave said. "We are going to move from rationing decisions taken in mysterious ways to a system where there is going to be a much more open debate about where resources should go. Since any sane politician has to admit there is going to be a cash limit, we should look at establishing priorities. There will be more noise and argument but that will be a gain."

The noise is already being heard. Hospitals are offering special deals to districts and GP fund-holders to allow their patients to jump queues. "Yes, there will be GP fund-holders who win better treatment for their patients." Was he condoning deliberate inequitable treatment? "There is accidental inequitable treatment now. This system provides mechanisms for the gains to be explicit and imitated more quickly."

Mr Waldegrave emphasised that he was not immediately going to issue a list of which treatments were affordable and which were not. However, his green paper, on which he is working with Michael Peckham, National Health Service director of research and development, will suggest health targets which health authorities, social services and government departments should be working towards.

The green paper is likely to include targets to reduce diseases for which Britain has a particularly bad record, such as heart disease and lung and breast cancer. It might also include targets to reduce road traffic accidents, and to encourage earlier diagnosis of diabetes to avoid blindness and amputations, and better management of childhood asthma. The paper will also suggest mechanisms as to how these targets, once agreed, can be achieved.

Health promotion, screening, health education and the use of optimum treatments would all be advocated. Measures in other departments, such as environment, will be an integral part of the green paper. Poor housing, for example, was linked with poor health and the fact that the number of asthma cases had stopped decreasing could be linked to pollution. Mr Waldegrave was also concerned about passive smoking and its effect on children.

He is determined that the reforms, supported by an effective health strategy, will improve not only efficiency but also the nation's health.

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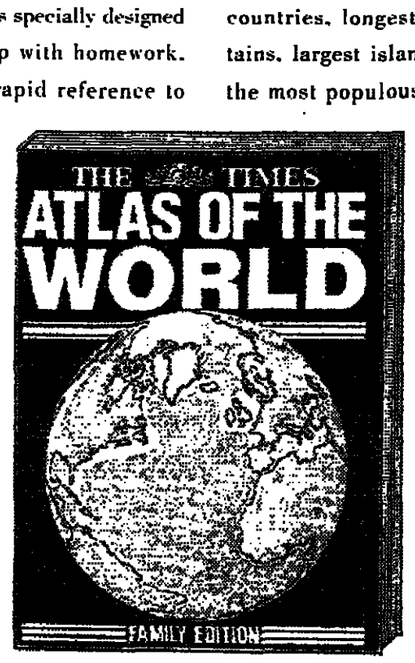
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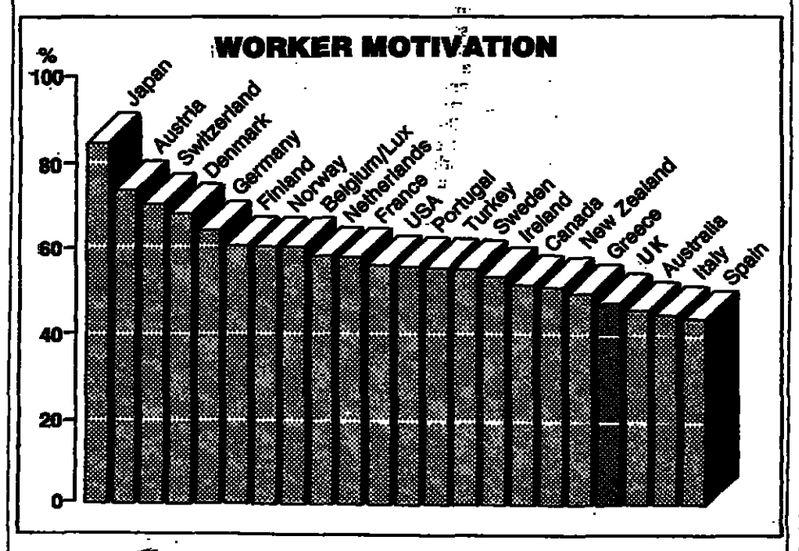
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Britain joins the lower ranked

By WILLIAM CASH

BRITISH businessmen believe that the shortage of skilled labour in the UK is the worst in the industrialised world and that our workers are less motivated than, for example, the Turks or the Greeks.

The findings come in a survey of international business confidence published by the World Economic Forum, an independent Swiss-based research organisation, in which 1,500 businessmen from leading economic powers were asked to rank the economic merits of their countries.

After spending the 1980s as an economic star, Britain is now seen as more vulnerable economically than, for example, Poland or Brazil. Japan, Korea, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia are seen as having the right conditions for business growth, behind Germany which was ranked first for global competitiveness.

Out of 22 of the world's richest countries, Britain is the fourth most likely to be worst hit by prolonged recession — behind Greece, Portugal and Turkey. Germany was seen as least prone to a slump.

British products were considered less suitable for export than those of Finland, Canada, Belgium and New Zealand. Japan was viewed as the most market-oriented nation, producing the best products. Once a benchmark of quality, British goods now fall behind the standards set by most of Europe. Belgium, Austria, Ireland, Denmark, Norway and Finland are all thought to produce better domestic goods.

More optimistically, Britain was ranked fourth in the flexibility of its managers to bounce back from difficult economic conditions and in having the freedom to cut workforces. Britain's businessmen also gave the government a vote of confidence. Its effectiveness in adapting policies to meet new economic challenges ranked highly. However, the chances of British executives generating new contracts over the next two years were much lower than their continental rivals. Executives in Portugal, Spain and Greece were more likely to beat Britain to new business, with Germany again rated top.

Managers said skilled labour and worker motivation were the top business priorities. In these categories, Britain fared virtually worst, while Ireland was ranked highest for skilled labour availability.

The survey is a precursor to the annual *World Competitive Report* published by the World Economic Forum and the International Institute for Management Development, another Swiss-based group.

Lord Hesketh, industry minister, said that the findings of the survey did not square with the dramatic rise in British output in the last decade.

Court plea by Orkney parents is rejected

By KERRY GILL

The four families at the centre of the Orkney child sex abuse allegations yesterday failed in their second court appeal to have their children returned home pending next week's judicial hearing of the claims.

Sheriff David Kelbie, sitting at Kirkwall Sheriff Court, dismissed the appeals and upheld the decision of the Orkney children's panel earlier this week to keep the nine children in care for a further 21 days. On Wednesday, he will begin assessing the evidence before taking further evidence from the children at Inverness.

The children have been in care on the Scottish mainland since being seized from their homes on South Ronaldsay by social workers last month. Medical evidence produced at the children's panel hearing stated that none had been physically or sexually abused.

Esther Rantzen, the television presenter, has visited Orkney to offer support to the parents. A BBC spokesman said that Miss Rantzen had been invited to Orkney to speak to the parents in her capacity as a founder of Childline.

Flat stormed to free baby

A baby who was held hostage at knifepoint for five hours yesterday was released after police stormed a flat in north London. As officers forced their way into the flat in Kiver Road, Upper Holloway, the suspect jumped from the back of the building and was arrested in the garden.

The six-month-old boy was not injured but was taken to hospital with his mother for examination. Police said there may have been an attempt to flood the flat as water was found dripping into the ground-floor flat below.

Barrister killed

Sir Geoffrey Peacock, a senior barrister who was president of the War Crimes Court in Singapore in 1946, has died after being hit by a car near his home at Petworth, West Sussex. He was 71 and leaves a wife and two daughters. During the last war he served with the Royal Artillery and the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

£140bn 'wasted'

Revenues from North Sea oil and privatisations, totalling £140 billion, have been squandered by the government, John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said last night. Money and the opportunity to develop "a productive economy and a decent society" had been squandered in "the wasted decade" of the Eighties, Mr Prescott told the annual conference of the Co-operative party, in Hull.

Three for trial

Three Northern Ireland Protestants are to go on trial in Paris accused of conspiracy for the preparation of terrorist activities and of receiving stolen goods. Noel Little, aged 41, Samuel Quinn, aged 42, and James King, aged 51, allegedly members of the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association, were arrested in 1989 in a Paris hotel while allegedly negotiating the sale of stolen missile parts.

Campoli dies

Alfredo Campoli, the Italian-born child prodigy who went on to become a band leader and a renowned concert violinist, has died, aged 84. With his family he moved to London when he was five. Campoli collapsed and died on Wednesday on his way to play bridge. The funeral will be held on April 8 in Thame, Oxfordshire.

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Easter pilgrims

Two hundred pilgrims carrying heavy crosses arrived at Walsingham, Norfolk, yesterday after walking more than 100 miles to the Shrine of Our Lady. Tomorrow, they will dance in the streets to celebrate Easter.

Ruth Gledhill, page 15

CORRECTION

Contrary to the impression which may have been given in Thursday's *Times*, there is no evidence whatsoever to suggest that there is any link betweet Abdul-Amir al-Ghazzi, the owner of Heveningham Hall who recently died, and President Saddam Hussein.

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'How did they do it? Have they no conscience at all?'

UVF admits killing two Catholic girls and man as reprisal

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE mothers of two teenage Roman Catholic girls shot dead by a Protestant paramilitary group spoke yesterday of the horror of losing their children in killings that have chilled Northern Ireland.

The two girls, Eileen Duffy, aged 19, and her friend Katrina Rennie, aged 16, were shot at close range as they sat behind a counter in a mobile grocery shop in the Catholic Drumbeg estate in Craigavon, Co Armagh, on Thursday evening.

Their killer, who also shot dead a man in his late 20s after he was ordered out of the van and forced to lie on the road, is a member of the Ulster Volunteer Force, which said the attack was a reprisal for an IRA attempt on the life of a policeman's widow in Londonderry a week ago.

Eileen Duffy's mother said that her daughter had planned to buy new furniture for the family home with her earnings from the store. She expressed disbelief that her daughter should die in this way,

"How did they do it? Have they no conscience at all? What kind of human beings are they? They must have no thought for nobody, nothing. They must have no thought — they think they are going to live forever themselves. What right have they to take someone else's life?" She was speaking at her home on the estate where the killing happened.

Katrina Rennie's mother, Mary, appealed for there to be no retaliation — a plea which seems always to fall on deaf ears in Northern Ireland. "There's nothing going to bring her back," she said. "I don't want a retaliation or anything like that, because I want no mother to go through what we are going through."

Mrs Rennie's husband John said that her daughter's killers should be put down. "To me they are vermin and should be treated as vermin." The killers had gained nothing, he said. "A life wasted. Look at what it gained them. All they are going to get out of it is a wee bit of enjoyment that they killed a Catholic. Or the other way round, the other side says they have killed a Protestant. There's no enjoyment in that for anybody."

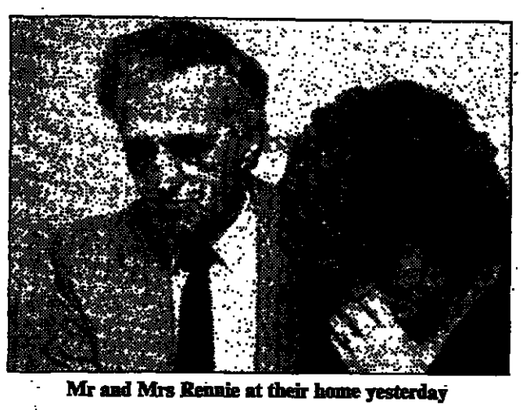
Katrina's brother said his family had never been involved in the troubles. "We have never been political or religious or really biased or bitter, but now this has happened and there's nothing we can do to ... stop it." There seemed no way of preventing similar tragedies in future, he said. He did not want police and soldiers patrolling the streets because they ended up getting killed.

The killings provoked condemnation across the political spectrum and from church and community figures. Hugh Annesley, the RUC chief constable, described the murders as a "new low" in paramilitary violence. He said he had no doubt those responsible for these "obscene murders" would be brought to justice and he appealed to people to come forward with information.

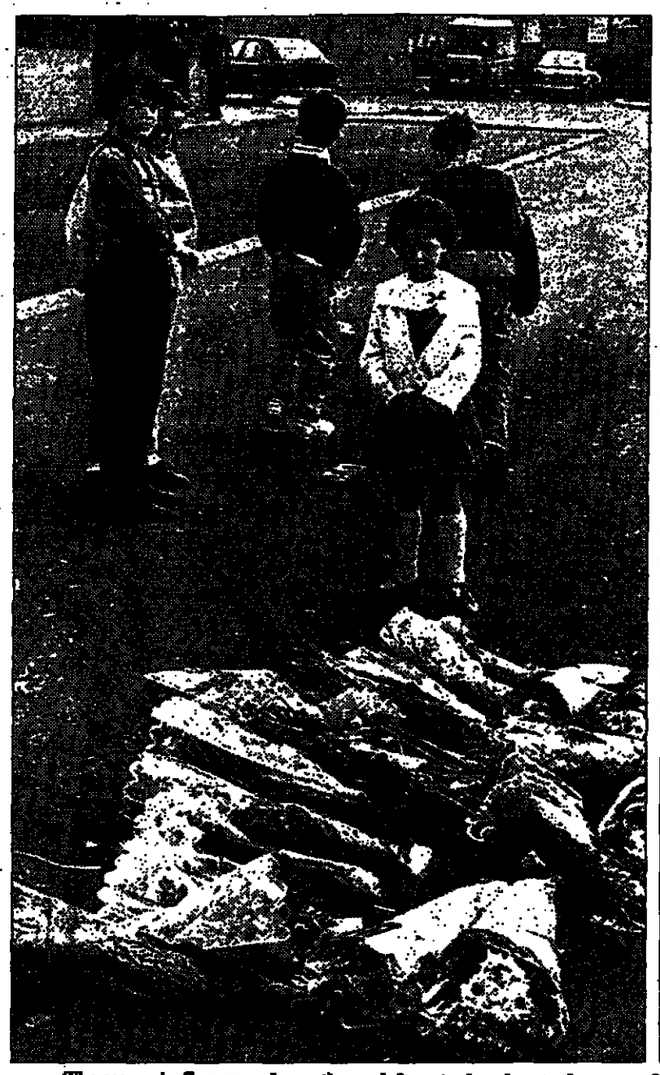
In a statement issued to the Press Association, the UVF, using its cover name, the Protestant Action Force, said that it carried out the shootings in revenge for an IRA attack on the wife of a murdered police sergeant in Londonderry last weekend.

The UVF said Eileen Duffy, the only one of its victims it named, was a republican. This was immediately dismissed by security sources. The statement went on to issue a grim warning that until the IRA publicly withdraws its threat to kill Protestants no matter what their occupation, premises owned and used by republicans would be regarded as legitimate targets.

Thursday's shooting happened shortly before 8.30pm when a dark-coloured Ford van drew up outside the mobile store. A man got out and walked into the shop where he opened fire, killing the two girls instantly. He then dragged a male customer, named yesterday as Brian Frizzell, outside where he forced him to lie on the road and then shot him.

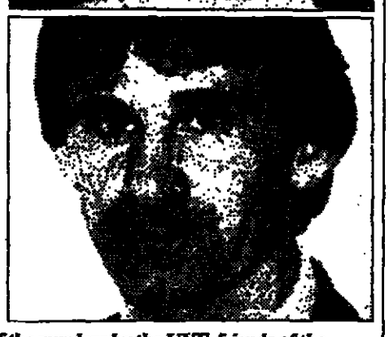


Mr and Mrs Rennie at their home yesterday









The scene: As flowers and wreaths are left yesterday close to the scene of the murders by the UVF, friends of the victims pay their respects. The victims: Eileen Duffy (top), Katrina Rennie and Brian Frizzell

Major is attacked on exam comment

JOHN Major was at the centre of a political storm last night after he said that common sense mattered more than academic qualifications. Opposition MPs said that the prime minister's comments made mockery of his declaration that education was high on his political agenda.

In an independent television interview with Sue Lawley, to be shown on Monday, Mr Major said that he had never been "over-impressed" by academic qualifications. "I know an awful lot of people who have an armful of academic qualifications — and if professors are looking in, they will forgive me — they are wholly useless, most of them," he said, adding: "It really has to be a combination of intelligence and common sense if people actually want to achieve things, and often the common sense is more important."

A month ago, Mr Major told a Conservative conference that education led his agenda, and was "the key to the Tory ideal of a mobile, dynamic and diverse society".

Last night, Jack Straw, shadow education secretary, said of the interview: "It is an astonishing admission and it shows that the prime minister's concern is only skin deep." The Liberal Democrat education spokesman, Matthew Taylor, said: "From a government that has given us new exams at seven, 11, 14 and 16, we now learn that qualifications do not matter."

All-in schools attacked, page 6

Protestant killers using IRA tactics

THE Ulster Volunteer Force is believed by police to be a well-organised group responsible for 15 murders in counties Tyrone and Armagh since January last year (Edward Gorman writes).

Protestant paramilitary groups, of which the UVF is the most violent and active, have been easy to infiltrate because they operate in the protestant community from where most police officers and Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers and their families also live. Taken with their often intept methods, arrests have usually quickly followed crimes. Senior police officers say, however, that the UVF and its counterpart, the Ulster Freedom Fighters, are increasingly copying IRA tactics to combat infiltration.

Officers believe that there may be fewer than 20 UVF members operating in mid-Ulster and that the group is divided into tightly-knit smaller groups, again similar to the IRA. As a result, some members may have no idea of the identities of other members and may not know who carried out killings.

While the police probably know or strongly suspect who is involved, they have so far been unable to pin charges on anyone because of lack of evidence and because relatives and friends of those involved probably do not know that their son or father is active in a paramilitary organisation. In the mid-Ulster area, the latest cycle of UVF killings began in January last year when Martin Byrnes, aged 28, a Catholic taxi driver, was found slumped at the wheel of his car on a motorway slip road near Lurgan, Co Armagh. He had been shot in the head.

There followed a series of shootings, often of other taxi drivers working for Catholic firms or of people who the UVF said were connected with Sinn Fein or the IRA or who had been convicted for terrorist offences carried out by republican groups.

The UVF attacks usually follow murders by the IRA, but in spite of often being sectarian in nature usually generate less condemnation. The result is often a frightening spiral of killing.

In the past month the UVF has increased its activities in mid-Ulster, murdering seven Catholics. Last month its members shot dead four men outside a pub at Cappagh, Co Tyrone in what the UVF called an operation against the "command structure" of the IRA in Armagh and Tyrone. Thursday's killings, which even in a community numbed with violent death has shocked so many and provoked particularly strong condemnation, was claimed by the UVF to be in retaliation for acts of violence which even it finds impossible to justify.

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Maxwell in New York

The first Maxwell-produced Daily News had been on the streets for nearly 12 hours. The new proprietor's smiling face was on the front page. New York was greeting him like a film star. There was only one problem. Captain Bob's phone wasn't working — at least not to the standards he desired. The two executives in



charge of the phone system were summoned. "Do you value your jobs, sirs?" he boomed. "If so, how do you demonstrate that? I still have no service. I pay your salary and you just sit there on your backsides doing nothing. What on earth are you guys doing?"

The Sunday Times tomorrow.

Archers village faces new threat

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to transform the village used as the model for Ambridge, fictional home of the radio Archer family, into a 2,000 home satellite town may be revived eight months after being formally dropped.

The proposal to resurrect the plan has been prompted by a separate scheme to build a bypass around the real-life village of Hanbury, near Droitwich. The bypass is part of a scheme to build 100 homes on two sites in the centre of Hanbury, which at present has just 75 houses. Residents fear that the bypass will provide access for a new and much larger development.

One of the grounds on which the plan to build a satellite town at Mere Green, near Hanbury, was rejected last summer was that it would overload the existing road network.

While Hanbury has been fighting the latest 100 home plan, Wychavon district council has found it impossible to find alternative sites for the new homes that would have been provided by the satellite town. There has been fierce opposition to proposals to add small numbers of homes to existing town and villages in the area. The Hereford and Worcester structure plan calls for at least 1,250 new homes to be built in the area in the next decade.

Wychavon council officials have told parish councillors in Hanbury that unless local opposition to a piecemeal solution abates they will have no option but to revert to the satellite town plan. With a new bypass to improve communications, Hanbury would be a favourite site once more, the officials said.

The Hanbury action group has come to rue its high profile campaign against the satellite town which its leader, Michael Thompson, said had become a model for surrounding villages. "Every village is now saying it does not want more houses. But if they try to revive the satellite plan we will fight it tooth and nail," he said.

In that eventuality, Mr Thompson and his fellow villagers plan a national campaign, appealing to *Archers* listeners. Hanbury is the destination for thousands of devotees on tours of "Archer Country" organised by the recently formed group Archers Addicts. The society, set up by cast members and listeners, provides members with a quarterly village newspaper and arranges the visits.

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Private jails may double inmates' time out of cells

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PRISONERS in a Humberside remand centre may be out of their cells for 16 hours a day if, as expected, the running of the centre is contracted out to the private sector.

The Home Office is devising a unique contract to ensure that its first experiment in privately run jails is not ruined by overcrowding. Most prisoners at The Wolds remand centre near Hull will be guaranteed not to have to share cells if the centre becomes privately run. Ministers see the trial as the start of a large programme of prison privatisation.

The contract clause against overcrowding should help to ensure that standards at The Wolds, due to open next spring, will be much higher than in comparable state-run remand centres. One firm says it may be able to get inmates out of their cells for 16 hours a day, about double the time achieved in the best state-managed remand units.

All prisons in England and Wales have a notional population limit called a certified normal accommodation, but the limit is generally exceeded, sometimes grossly so, in remand prisons. Remand inmates suffer the worst prison conditions, locked up in crowded, insanitary cells for long periods with little opportunity to exercise, work or receive education.

Under the contract being drawn up for The Wolds, designed to hold 300 adult men, the Home Office will be legally barred from over-filling the jail. The maximum limit is not yet known, but it is understood that it will not be much above 300. If that is so, most prisoners will not have to share cells.

Firms intending to bid for the contract accept that the absence of population pressures will help them to produce a model regime. But they say other factors will also be important, including staff quality, improved management and the performance-based nature of the contract. It is not known if the Prison Department will tender.

UK Detention Services, one of the prospective bidders, said it was vital that the Home Office should insist on high standards for inmates and close monitoring of the contractor. "If we cannot prove to everyone's satisfaction that we are doing a difficult job well, the experiment will have failed and so shall we," Nicholas Hopkins, one of the consortium's directors, said.

"We expect to be contracted to attain high standards, but above those we shall set our own, higher company targets. For instance, all inmates will have the opportunity of being out of their cells for at least 16 hours a day working, studying, training or exercising," Mr Hopkins said.

The consortium says that it would mainly recruit people with no previous experience of working in jails, although some managers are likely to be former prison department officials. Initial training would take about six weeks, but each employee would also have one week a year in-service tuition. The firm plans to use psychological tests in recruitment to help to weed out unsuitable candidates such as people with latent aggressive tendencies.

Disclosure of the plans to prevent overcrowding has angered the Prison Officers' Association, which opposes privatisation, and penal reformers. Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, said: "All prisons should have to keep remand inmates out of their cells as much as possible. But it seems this experiment is going to be biased in favour of the private sector."



MICHAEL POWELL

Uncertain future: dancers with London City Ballet take a break at Sadler's Wells Theatre in London as they prepare for what could be their last tour. The company is rehearsing a new ballet in their repertoire, *Giacosa Variations* by the Hungarian choreographer Istvan Herczog, to the music of Martinu (Simon Tait writes). Two weeks ago the company, founded 13 years ago and one of the most successful British middle-range groups, announced it would have to close because the Arts Council had refused it a revenue grant. The tour begins on Wednesday at Buxton, Derbyshire, and finishes in Glasgow on June 15, when the company is likely to close. Representatives of the company are due to meet Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, for talks next week when they hope for a change of heart.

Benefit rulings 'made in ignorance'

By PETER MULLIGAN

CIVIL servants often fail to apply the law correctly and use insufficient evidence when deciding claims for social security and unemployment benefits, the chief adjudication officer says in his annual report.

Ken Bellamy said that progress on recommendations which he made last year had been slow. Standards among adjudication officers remained low with many caught between good adjudication and the need for speed.

Mr Bellamy's brief was to monitor how officers reached decisions, whether the evidence was adequate, the facts correct, the law correctly applied and whether the decision had been accurately recorded. He calls for targets to be set, adding: "It cannot be right that so many adjudication officer decisions are [frequently] taken on insufficient evidence or by applying the law incorrectly.

"Too often time is wasted reviewing and revising a decision on account of a piece of information which ought to have been sought before the claim was originally decided. Too often time is wasted on an appeal to an appeal tribunal when the original decision was clearly wrong and ought to have been revised."

Mr Bellamy acknowledges that big changes are under way in the social security department for the introduction of the new benefits agency next month. He said that the changes would allow greater specialisation in adjudication which should raise standards. Management should ensure that the opportunity to improve standards was seized.

He notes, however, that a better performance in recording decisions on income support and social fund claims has been offset by a worse performance in applying the law. "It was to be expected that adjudication officers would experience some difficulty when coming to terms with the new income support legislation but the problems identified last year have worsened."

However, Mr Bellamy finds some improvements, with a good standard of adjudication on social fund payments for maternity and funeral expenses. Adjudication on retirement pensions and widow's benefit was also good.

Tony Newton, the social security secretary, has said in a parliamentary answer that there was a considerable variation in the standards of adjudication.

Annual Report of the Chief Adjudication Officer for 1989-90 on adjudication standards. (Stationery Office, £6.30)

Bishop decries the conversion of Jews

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

CHRISTIANS should not be singling out Jews for conversion, the Bishop of Oxford says. Instead they should be repenting for teachings that helped to pave the way for the Holocaust.

The Right Rev Richard Harries, who advises the archbishops of Canterbury and York on interfaith relations, especially Christian-Jewish relations, was speaking after Jews for Jesus, an American organisation, announced plans to open an office in London. The organisation aims to inform Jews of its belief that Jesus was the Jewish messiah.

Bishop Harries, speaking on BBC1's *Heart of the Matter* to be broadcast tomorrow, says: "In relation to Jews we need to be sensitive. Singling out the Jews for a hard campaign of conversion is a very unfortunate way of understanding the Christian mission to the world." He urged the church to reflect on its "terrible history — what is called the teaching of contempt for Judaism" — which prepared the way for the Holocaust.

"We need to ask why did that terrible event happen in the heart of so-called Christian Europe and what is the responsibility of the Christian church. We need to repent and re-educate ourselves in our attitude to Judaism."

However, Rev John Fieldsend, of the Church's Ministry Among the Jews, said: "I find it offensive that the church should be told that, because of the Holocaust, we should not try and share the gospel with the Jewish people."

● The former Archbishop of Canterbury had disagreements with his special envoy Terry Waite about his mission to the Lebanon. "There was a time we had a difference of views about getting involved in that part of the world," Lord Runcie says in a TVS documentary to be broadcast tomorrow. "But they were disagreements within a relation-



Harries: "Christians must be sensitive towards Jews"

ship in which he knew the detail much better. He wanted to keep his integrity and play fair with what he had promised and I had to respect that."

Mr Waite disappeared four years ago while on a visit to Lebanon. Lord Runcie said that he does not reproach himself for letting him go. "When a decision has been made you leave the consequences to God."

Fact and faith, page 10

Law firms delay entrants' training despite optimism

Frances Gibb looks at law firms in the second report on how recession is affecting the professions

CITY law firms learnt this week that one of their number, D.J. Freeman and Co, is deferring the start of articles for the 21 trainee solicitors who were due to join the firm this September.

It is the first public confirmation of reports circulating in the profession for months that firms are delaying, or even dropping, the training of new entrants. Ironically, the news comes as law firms are predicting that the end of the recession is in sight.

A survey by Garfield Robbins, legal recruitment consultants, of 50 London firms found that 67 per cent were more optimistic about the future than before Christmas. Eight out of ten firms thought the economy had hit "rock bottom" as far as their workload was concerned and 28 per cent said that they were seeing an improvement, or had not suffered in the first place. Among those who had not yet seen an improvement, 14 per cent predicted that they would do so within three months, while 24 per cent put the time at between three and six months.

However, the survey confirms the uncertainty of the market for law trainees: two out of three of the firms surveyed (64 per cent) said it was too early to predict prospects for trainee solicitors qualifying in September, and only 15 per cent indicated definitely that they were hoping to keep on their trainees. A further 21 per cent would not comment. The Law Society estimates that there are more than a thousand would-be solicitors on the market who have not managed to secure articles or who have had them withdrawn, a big increase in the total of two years ago.

The Law Society is compiling a list of cases of articles being withdrawn. Although there has been official notification of some 17 such cases, unofficial estimates are much higher. Roger Jones, a Cardiff solicitor who is chairing a working party on the withdrawal of articles, said: "It is purely a rough guess, but I estimate that as many as 250 offers of articles have been reneged on. It is not unusual for firms in severe financial problems, mostly medium-sized firms, to decide they can no longer afford their commitment."

The recession has not only affected those embarking on a legal career. It is standard practice in a number of firms to take on more articled clerks than they intend to retain; in a shrinking market, those newly trained solicitors are now being released with no hope of finding another foot-hold.

Alistair Dougall, of Quarry Dougall recruitment, said: "The state of the market for newly qualifieds is dire. This time last year, the recession could already be felt, with firms making more stringent requirements when they advertised. But as things now stand, we do not have any instructions from firms to advertise vacancies."

There is, however, no sign of a fall-off in demand from students to enter a career in the law. More than 5,000 students attended the recent Law Fair in London and firms at the fair confirmed the view of others, that it is short-sighted to cut back on trainee quotas when the recession may be short-lived.

Although some areas of law such as commercial property have suffered badly, overall work for many City firms is booming, particularly in such areas as insolvency.

Plans are in hand to mitigate the worst effects of the recession for redundant solicitors. An initiative on retraining courses is being planned by the Young Solicitors' Group.

The Law Society's training committee is discussing measures to counter firms' decisions to lay off trainees. Withdrawing articles is not a breach of professional rules. It could be a breach of contract and that may soon be put to the test.

The working party is drawing up plans for the licensing of firms that offer articles. They would be expected to follow good practice guidelines, with the revoking of a licence as a last-resort sanction.

Miners reject fight to save Welsh pit

Miners yesterday voted not to fight a British Coal plan to close their pit. Men at Penallta colliery in Mid-Glamorgan rejected a call by National Union of Mineworkers to vote for a review procedure in an attempt to save Penallta, employing 600 men.

Ron Stoate, the NUM lodge secretary, said: "The men were not happy about voting against union recommendations, but they could see no future at the pit."

Penallta's closure will leave just three pits in the South Wales coalfield, employing fewer than 1,000 men.

At Treharris, Mid-Glamorgan, yesterday, 400 miners marched behind a Salvation Army band to mark the last shift being worked at the 120-year-old Deep Navigation mine, which British Coal says is now uneconomic. Miners at Bettws colliery, near Ammanford, Dyfed, learnt that 250 jobs must go to safeguard it for three years, leaving only 98.

Flights offer attracts 5m

About five million applications have been received from around the world for the British Airways free seat offer, the airline said yesterday.

A draw takes place tomorrow for the 50,000 free seats on all international flights on April 23 being offered in an effort to lift the airline out of a downturn due to the Gulf war and worldwide recession. Coupons must be in by close of business today.

Drug alert

Holidaymakers were put on alert yesterday after a package of cocaine valued at £85,000 was washed ashore at Portwrinkle, near Looe, Cornwall. Customs officers said that the drug could kill and urged holidaymakers to keep children away from any packages found on beaches. A spokesman said: "Cocaine is extremely dangerous and can get into the system through a tiny cut or even through sweat."

Pill-box plea

A campaign is under way to save second world war pill-boxes. Colin Russell, planning officer of West Somerset council, wants the preservation of 50 look-out posts on the district's coastline. "We want them to become listed buildings and preserved as part of our historical heritage," he said.

Boy's outing

Robert Binnie, aged four, was yesterday found in a wrecked car at Colchester, Essex, after slipping out of his home 75 yards away to play as his family slept on Thursday night.

Cows killed

Eight cows were electrocuted when rats gnawed through an electricity cable at Milnthorpe, Cumbria. The cable fell onto a chain which became live, killing the cows when they stepped on it.

Bishop's walk

The Right Rev Robert Williamson, Bishop of Bradford, is taking a 300-mile, month-long hike around his diocese, visiting 60 churches.

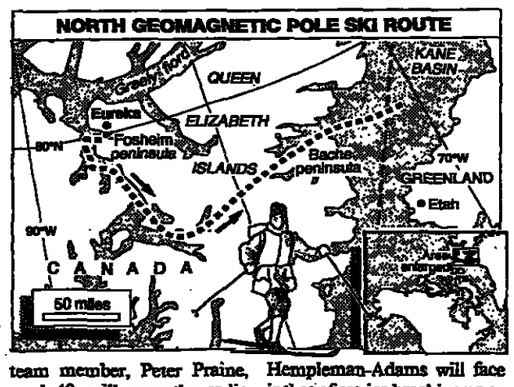
Explorers to ski the Arctic wastes

By PETER VICTOR

BRITISH explorers set off next month on the first unsupported expedition to the north geomagnetic pole.

Ray Shaw, aged 43, a company director, and David Hempleman-Adams, aged 33, a production director, will make the 230-mile journey from Eureka, Canada, to the Kane Basin on skis. They will take supplies, mainly food and communications equipment, weighing about 100lbs, by sled.

The two men, who hope to cover ten miles a day, will have no dogs, snowmobiles or air drops of supplies. On the way they will collect scientific data for archaeological, geomagnetic, geological, and industrial research. A third team member, Peter Praine, aged 49, will man the radio and satellite tracking equipment at base camp. Among the hazards Mr Shaw and Mr Hempleman-Adams will face is that of sea ice breaking up as temperatures increase from minus 40 to minus 25 degrees celsius. The journey will end 775 miles from the geographic north pole, which is at 90 degrees north. Geomagnetic north, a point set by international agreement, is 79.2 degrees north 71 degrees west.



In 1983, Mr Hempleman-Adams failed to reach the geographic north pole after a 230-mile solo trek. The following year he became the first to reach the north magnetic pole, a point separate from the north geomagnetic pole, without support.

Mr Shaw, however, has no polar experience and said that the most dangerous thing he had done was to take part in the Italian balloon grand prix. He decided to go because "you get to 40 and you think, 'what have I done with my life?' My children think I'm mad."

Hotel guides get no stars, ribbons or rosettes

By ALAN HAMILTON

IF YOU are contemplating a weekend break, beware how you choose your hotel because, according to the Consumers' Association, the British hotel classification industry is a muddle.

Organisations as diverse as the English Tourist Board and the RAC — not to mention the association itself — befuddle the traveller with stars, crowns, ribbons and rosettes in their attempts to guide him to the best hotel. But it simply causes confusion. "These schemes are flawed because they are not comprehensive, not independently financed and not consistent," *Holiday Which?* says. "None of the schemes covers even half of the hotels in Britain, and the best-run hotel in an area may not have been inspected by any organisation."

Tourist boards and motoring organisations all make a charge for inspection or listing which, the magazine says, means that the traveller gets a self-selected list of hotels that want to use the various grading systems to advertise themselves. Most grading systems are more quantitative than qualitative, counting the number of bedrooms with *en suite* showers rather than assessing the quality of service, food and welcome.

The association wants a national hotel grading system, but as a first step wants to see the crown grading system, which is operated independently by the Scottish, English and Welsh tourist boards, at least made consistent. It also suggests that the boards make inspection compulsory so that all accommodation is covered, and for inspections to consider quality as well as the facilities on offer. Travellers in France face a similar dilemma of whether to abide by the recommendations of Michelin, with its red rocking chairs and rosettes, or to follow *Gault Millau* with its penchant for *cuisine inventive* and its awards of red chefs' toques for *nouvelle cuisine*.

Even British hotel guides, which rely on the reports of readers to compile their subjective lists, are limited. "We see no point," the *Good Hotel Guide* said, "in lowering our standards to recommend an establishment as the 'best available'."

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Tory report calls for end to comprehensive schools

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE comprehensive education system will have to be abandoned if the government is to raise standards, according to a confidential paper submitted to the Conservative manifesto group on education.

The document from Edward Lister, chairman of education in the Thatcherite stronghold of Wandsworth, south London, underlines the mounting hostility on the Tory right to all-in schooling. It says it is "seriously flawed" and should be replaced by a combination of academically selective schools and institutions specialising in vocational and technical subjects.

A copy of the paper, passed to *The Times*, says: "A major cause of poor educational performance is the comprehensive school. Until it is removed as the main type of school available to most people standards cannot be raised to any marked extent."

The Wandsworth paper was sent to the manifesto group chaired by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, at the end of January and appears to have influenced its deliberations. The group's report, now with the prime minister, is understood to favour a big expansion of grant-maintained schools. Mr Clarke has indicated that he wants to allow such schools to change to grammar or specialist status if parents and heads wish.

Mr Lister's paper argues that all-in schooling commonly fails because its attempts to be "all things to all men" are "patently unrealistic". He maintains that in inner city areas the neighbourhood comprehensive only reinforces existing patterns of social deprivation. With the passing of the urban grammar school, opportunities for pupils to better themselves are too often denied.

The comprehensives' "mistaken ideological obsession with equality" has led to a levelling down of facilities for pupils. It has also spawned mixed ability teaching causing staff to have unacceptably low expectations of pupils.

Mr Lister says that lack of money is not the real issue. All too often, it is an alibi for poor performance. Finally, the near monopoly of comprehensives has meant that for all the government's emphasis on parent and pupil power, real choice in the system has been "diminished virtually to extinction".

Teachers vote on test boycott

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

BRITAIN'S largest teachers' union will decide at its annual conference today whether to boycott national curriculum tests due to be introduced in May for pupils aged seven. It is likely to be a close vote.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said the union was against the legally-required tests in their present form. He said: "They impose an additional burden on teachers, impede and inhibit effective teaching and could be used to falsely and inadequately contrast one school with another."

He said that the widely supported demand for a boycott, which will be opposed by the union's moderate executive, reflected the resentment of the union's 190,000 members at the imposition of the tests in mathematics, English and science. Teachers had no objection to monitoring a child's progress and reporting it to parents but that should be done through continuous assessment by the classroom teacher. The executive will argue that a boycott could be impractical and expose individual teachers to the threat of disciplinary action leading to dismissal. Mr McAvoy said: "We will mount a campaign to find the best way to bring parents along with us to end testing in this way."

The executive will ask the Scarborough conference tomorrow to approve strike action if the government refuses to restore negotiating rights removed by Kenneth Baker as education secretary in 1987.

ANDY WATTS



Steam age sale: model railway enthusiasts have a chance to buy the real thing with the offer for sale of the Lavender line in Isfield, East Sussex. The purchaser, however, must have over £1 million to spare for the nine-acre complex of railway buildings, rolling stock, two restaurants and a house. The present owner bought the station in 1983, running the line as a tourist attraction

Estate agents see rise of 0.5% in London prices

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE prices in Greater London have increased in the past three months for the first time since September 1988, the estate agent Barnard Marcus reports in a survey to be published on Tuesday.

The agent, which has 50 offices in the region, also reports cases of gazumping, that ugly feature of the property market, because demand exceeds supply in some areas, a phenomenon noted too by Winkworth, another leading London agent.

That suggests that the housing slump in London, the first area in Britain to suffer when the boom burst, has ended. Estate agents, normally the most optimistic of people, remain cautious, but they believe an upturn is near and that it will spread slowly to other parts of the country.

Robin Paterson, managing director of Barnard Marcus, who has in recent months said that the market had a little way further to go down, now believes it has bottomed out. "Our figures show that there has been an increase of 0.5 per cent in property values in the last three months. There has also been an increase in the volume of sales from about 100 a week last year to 150, but that is still 40 per cent below the level in 1988. But we expect that for the whole year prices will increase by 4 to 5 per cent."

The main increase in activity has come from first-time buyers. The shortage of supply in this sector, of houses worth up to £250,000, has led to the first cases of gazumping since the boom of the late 1980s.

Giles Hoskins, manager of Winkworth's Notting Hill office, confirms that the market has picked up, particularly among first-time buyers. Most of the buyers are cash or cash and mortgage buyers, with very few having a property to sell. "So there is no chain, and at the moment we do not have enough properties to offer waiting buyers. As soon as a quality, realistically priced property comes onto our books, immediately there are people clamouring to buy. With such competition, gazumping has returned to the residential property market, although house prices do still remain at a sensible level, rarely rising above the initial asking price."

Across London, Winkworth says that the fall in interest rates and the Budget have brought a cautious confidence to the housing market. Viewings have doubled, with increasing numbers showing a genuine interest in buying, but the recovery is patchy.

"Despite a general feeling that the worst of the recession is over, the public is volatile, uneasy and cautious, waiting for further confirmation that interest rates will stay down before they commit themselves to a mortgage or a higher mortgage than the one they already have. Although confidence does appear to be returning, albeit slowly, to the housing market, the threat of unemployment hindered its progression," the group said.

Penalties for rogues

THE government has acted to curb unscrupulous practices by estate agents.

As Parliament rose for the Easter recess, Edward Leigh, consumer affairs minister, announced orders under the Estate Agents Act 1979 imposing penalties for offences including failing to declare a personal interest, discriminating against purchasers not accepting financial services from the agent, misrepresentation about a prospective purchaser and failing to send a client written details of offers.



Leigh: estate agents' malpractice banned

£1m boost to World Service

THE BBC World Service starts reshaped radio news and current affairs programmes today. The £1 million changes, announced yesterday, include a second daily edition of the flagship news and current affairs programme *Newshour*, and new financial and business programmes, as well as extra world news bulletins.

A funding increase from the government of 6 per cent in real terms over the next three years made the improvements possible, the BBC said. John Tusa, the World Service managing director, said: "The fact that Parliament has given us the resources to boost our coverage to this extent represents a tremendous vote of confidence in the role of World Service radio, so visibly demonstrated yet again during the Gulf war. These enhancements are the biggest in our 60-year history."

The World Service, with broadcasts in 38 languages, reaches 120 million listeners.

Owls get a centre of their own

A NEW national centre for owl conservation, in Wolterton Park, near Aylsham, Norfolk, will open to the public today (John Young writes).

The centre has been established by the Hawk and Owl Trust, and includes an exhibition devoted to the conservation of birds of prey, particularly the barn owl, which used to be common in most parts of Britain but is now an endangered species. In the last 50 years the number of nesting pairs in England and Wales has declined from about 12,000 to an estimated 4,000 today.

Barn owls feed mainly on rats, mice, voles and shrews found in rough grassland. The increasing use of rodenticides has destroyed much of their natural prey, and many of the barns and trees that provided their nesting sites have also disappeared. Because they fly low in search of food, many hundreds are killed by cars and lorries.

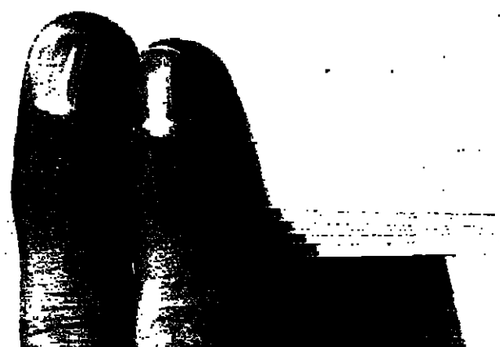
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'Red Prince' retires as Laos pursues the path of reform

From JAMES PRINGLE IN VIENTIANE

THE "Red Prince" of communist Laos, Prince Souphanouvong, the 81-year-old veteran revolutionary who helped to lead the victorious armed struggle against the American-backed Royal Lao government, retired from all his party posts yesterday and said a future multi-party system here would "depend on the people".

Sitting beneath a portrait of an oriental-looking Marx and Lenin, and wearing a natty white suit of the kind favoured by luminaries of the ruling *Lao People's Revolutionary* Party, the prince was given an ovation as his retirement was announced at the party's fifth congress. Party officials promised to continue Western-style economic reforms in Laos, an impoverished, landlocked nation of four million with the lowest per capita income in Asia.

But the party leader, Kaysone Phomvihane, aged 70, while admitting that the party had shown "a great number of weaknesses and shortcomings which must be resolved immediately", insisted that it would retain its leading role. He also enhanced his position by becoming president, instead of secretary-general, of the party; he is already prime minister.

The unpopular mayor of Vientiane, General Sisavat Keobounphanh, was removed from the politburo. He has been criticised for filling offices in the capital with relatives and conducting allegedly dubious business deals and joint ventures, including possibly illegal logging, with Thai companies.



Souphanouvong: there is "only one communism"



Ironically, the party congress was held inside the leadership enclave and Kilometre Six which, when it was the American housing and school compound prior to the communist victory in 1975, was known as Silver City. The American chargé d'affaires attended the closing session, as the Laotian leaders and foreign delegation heads, including party leaders from Vietnam and Cambodia, sat beneath a bust of the late Vietnamese leader, Ho Chi Minh. There was no British representative as Britain closed its embassy in 1985 for economic reasons.

For the first time in years, a Chinese party representative sat on the rostrum with Lao, Vietnamese, Cambodian and Soviet colleagues as evidence of a nervous coming together of the communist world in Asia after socialism in Eastern Europe has collapsed. As evidence of the new openness in Laos, Western correspondents were able to attend a party congress for the first time.

Prince Souphanouvong was clearly retiring with honour. He has been in ill health in recent years, but he was looking spry as he came out of the congress hall and chatted with correspondents. The Vietnam war years, when he lived in caves under bombardment by American B52s carrying the conflict into Laos, had left no marks.

Reminded of the coming elections in Albania and asked if he could foresee a multi-party system in Laos, the Red Prince replied: "That depends on the people." But he added: "There are not several communisms, there is only one communism. We cannot change the nature of communism, we can only modify it in the way we wish."

Western diplomats who monitored the three-day congress, the first for five years, say that the Lao party seems set on its liberalising course, as far as the economy is concerned, while keeping political developments under tight control. The basis of the economy is agriculture and in recent years land has been returned to individual peasants who can now pass it on to their offspring.

Diplomats say, however, that there are still about 33 political prisoners, including three who called for a multi-party democracy last year. However, tens of thousands of former Royal Lao soldiers and officials have been released from re-education camps and former refugees are being encouraged to return.



Forced out: a Coloured family prepares to leave Orania in South Africa under the orders of the pro-apartheid Afrikaner Volkswag (AV), which has bought the town and plans to make it an all-white Afrikaner homeland. The Coloured people of the desolate northern Cape province settlement believe they are the victims of a new strain of apartheid. For the 64 of so families who had made Orania, on the banks of South Africa's biggest river, the Orange, their home, its purchase spells disaster and the destruction of their community, residents say. Last year the ultra-right-wing AV, headed by Carel Boshoff, the son-in-law of apartheid's grand architect Hendrik Verwoerd, bought Orania, a former government waterworks installation 90 miles south of Kimberley. Now the 400 or so people of Orania, which they call Grootgewaag, have until April 1 to leave their homes and move elsewhere. Jeremiah Visagie, a resident, said he was confused about the situation, especially after President de Klerk's announcement that all remaining apartheid legislation would be scrapped by the end of June. "Our people here do not have any place to go to ... We don't have any safe haven," he said. Thys Fick, the unofficial leader of the seven white families in Orania, said: "All the blacks have homelands — why can't whites have one?" *(AFP)*

Organiser of Bush landslide dies at 40

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush and the Republican Party suffered a serious loss yesterday when Lee Atwater, the controversial figure who masterminded Mr Bush's landslide presidential victory in 1988, died at the age of 40 after a year-long battle against a brain tumour.

Mr Atwater, Republican Party chairman until the later stages of his illness, was one of the shrewdest political minds and most aggressive campaigners in Washington. He engineered the wholesale desertion to the Republicans of blue-collar Democrats in the late 1980s through his ruthless exploitation of "wedge" issues. Mr Atwater's presence on the team was central to Republican hopes of recapturing control of Congress.

"He practised the art of politics with zeal and vigour and I was very proud of him, proud to serve with him," said Mr Bush, who described himself as "heartsick" after hearing of Mr Atwater's early morning death.

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Soviet pledge on shot-down 747

From REUTER IN TOKYO

TARO Nakayama, the Japanese foreign minister, relayed Japanese concerns over Soviet arms exports to the Gulf, transfer of European Soviet forces to Asia, and the shooting down of a South Korean airliner in 1983 to his Soviet counterpart, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, yesterday.

In the first round of talks to prepare for the visit of President Gorbachev in April, the two officials discussed international issues and domestic Soviet politics, a Japanese foreign ministry official said. For the first time in years, Soviet and Japanese officials discussed the shooting down of a South Korean airliner by a Soviet fighter in 1983.

Mr Nakayama cited recent reports in the Soviet newspaper *Izvestia* which quoted military sources as saying Moscow had flight data and cockpit voice recorders from the wreckage that could explain the incident. The Boeing 747 was shot down over the Soviet island of Sakhalin on September 1, 1983. All 269 people on board, including 27 Japanese, died.

The plane mysteriously veered off course and flew over Soviet territory before it was shot down. Moscow said at the time the plane was on a spy mission. "You still have not returned remains of bodies and belongings, and I would like to say that this is causing much stress among the bereaved families," Mr Nakayama told Mr Bessmertnykh.

Mr Bessmertnykh was quoted as saying: "It was a great human tragedy and I have read the reports. I will promise to provide any additional data on the incident, although I have none at the moment." Relatives of Japanese victims said yesterday they would seek a brief meeting with President Gorbachev during his April 16-19 visit to ask for his explanation of the *Izvestia* reports.

On the Kremlin's decision to ban demonstrations in central Moscow for three weeks, Mr Nakayama said he hoped the Soviet government would respect freedom of speech and of assembly.

Mr Bessmertnykh was quoted as saying that it was "important that any democracy must be (kept) within the limits of law and that human rights must not be crushed. This is the key point of perestroika, how to seek a balance there".

Japan glimpses its gadget paradise

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S hordes of electronic gadget fanciers are benefiting from a playground for adults, opened in Tokyo by Matsushita Electric. The world's fourth largest consumer electronics company, with annual sales of some £25 billion, has set up a gadget paradise that makes the Ideal Home Exhibition look like a Victorian dolls' house display.

Matsushita, which exports under National and Panasonic, has concocted an ideal home were video screens are old hat. Monotone walls and grey urban views are enlivened by "aquatic curtains" — perpetually running paper-fine waterfalls of watery scenes of tropical fish or waves lapping the seashore beneath Mount Fuji.

The bathroom features an "intelligent toilet" that has built-in sensors to run a check on blood pressure, body temperature and heart rate.

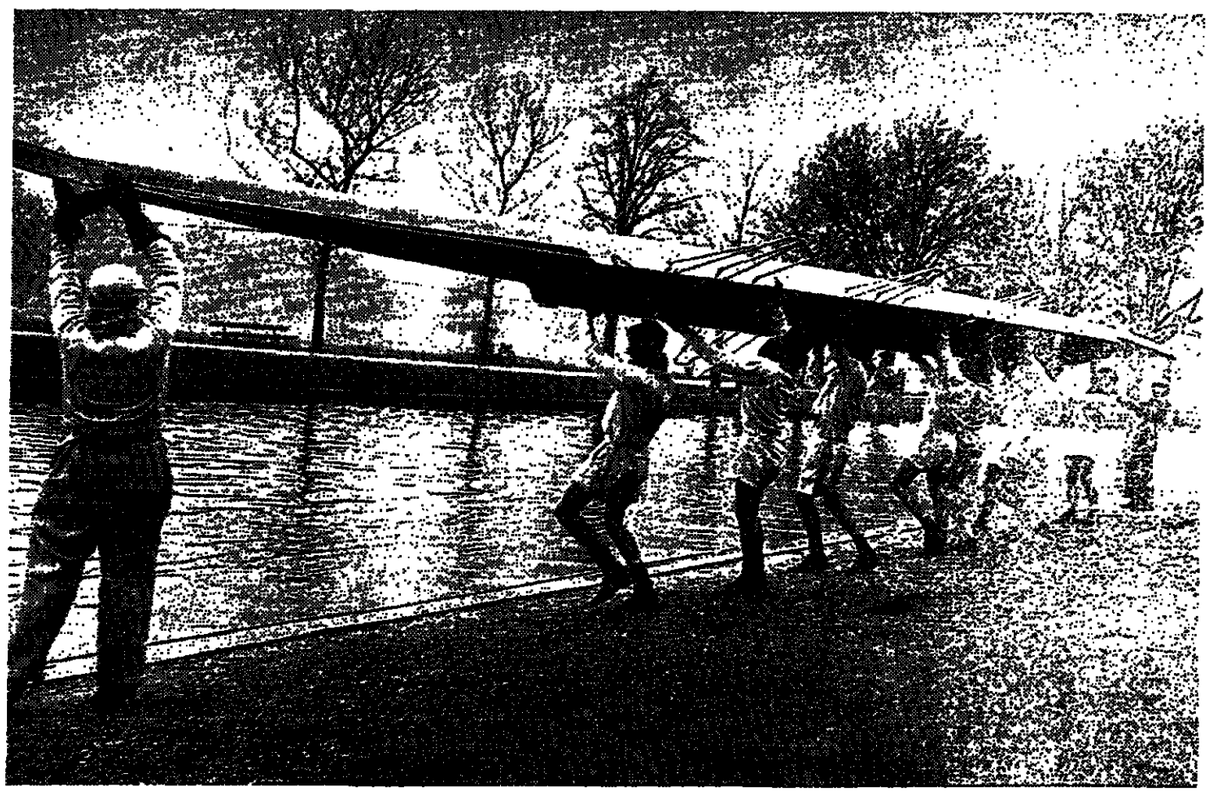
Customers of the future will use high-pressure water jets to polish their teeth and groom themselves in front of Matsushita mirrors that incorporate a bank of tiny TV screens showing a profile from different angles.

The more narcissistic can zoom in on that crop of grey hairs by twiddling the buttons of the remote control console built into the dressing table.

In the kitchen, microwave ovens, so commonplace that they are considered almost medieval, have been replaced by futuristic gadgets that can create any dish once the raw ingredients are inserted and the relevant buttons pressed.

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UN chief voices misgivings over ceasefire accord

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

JAVIER Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, has expressed misgivings about the draft ceasefire resolution, now under discussion at the security council, requiring the destruction of all Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, and he intends to tell council members of his concern.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar believed that there would be "juridical difficulties" in implementing parts of the draft resolution, which calls for UN supervision of the destruction of Iraq's ballistic missiles and chemical arsenal within 90 days and the creation of a demilitarised zone along the Iraqi border.

"I am a little disquieted about the implementation of the resolution as it is, because everything that relates to peacekeeping is always based on the consent of parties concerned," he said. "We need very clear-cut consent from the Iraqi authorities and I know they already have some difficulties." The Baghdad government has criticised the American-drafted resolution, expected to be adopted by the full security council next week, as an attempt to rob Iraq of its sovereignty and mortgage its resources.

The 20-page draft resolution imposes the most severe conditions ever on a member state of the United Nations, and calls on the secretary-general to implement many of its key provisions. According to the draft, the secretary-general has to help Iraq and Kuwait demarcate the disputed frontier in line with a 1963 border accord, and establish a demilitarised zone



Pérez de Cuéllar: fears "juridical difficulties"

manned by UN observers stretching six miles into Iraq and three miles into Kuwait.

Within 45 days, he also has to appoint a commission to draw up plan for the destruction of all Iraq's ballistic missiles and chemical and biological weapons within a further 45-day period. Within 120 days, he has to spell out how Iraq's future nuclear and chemical research will be monitored to prevent the development of weapons of mass destruction. He is also charged with drawing up the outline of a future arms embargo on Iraq.

In addition, the UN head must work out a mechanism for Iraq to pay war compensation by diverting a percentage of its future oil revenues into a specially created fund. The bulk of UN sanctions will remain in force until that mechanism is agreed.

Senior UN officials have begun to discuss how to put the ceasefire resolution into effect once it is adopted. They fear that Iraq will make implementation difficult legally by refusing to accept all of the resolution's provisions.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said: "We have to be very careful about the juridical framework of the whole resolution, because of the interference in some of the sovereignty of a member country."

He added: "If this resolution is adopted, I would be only too happy to implement all the mandates, because I think it is for me to show that the UN is what it is meant to be, a peace mechanism much more than a war mechanism."

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Fire screen: workers of the American Boots and Coots company preparing to cap a burning oil well in Kuwait

Oil fires spark British imagination

By NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH plans for putting out blazing oil wells will be taken to Kuwait by Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, when he visits the country next month. The plans, intended to give British firms a role in the fire-fighting contracts, represent only a handful of the more than a thousand which have been deluging the British government and the Kuwaiti embassy in London since the end of the Gulf war. Suggestions have included adapting the Iraqi supergun to fire shells into burning wells, and using heavy lifting helicopters to lower vast bells to snuff out the fires.

Oil engineers said yesterday that the sight of the burning fields had galvanised Britain's inventiveness. Nick Heaf, a director with the Epsom oil and gas division of W. S. Atkins, the consulting engineers, said: "There is a tremendous amount of untapped potential out there. We had a director of a major insurance company who, after mulling over an idea on the train home from work, popped into our offices with his proposals. Other people have come in refusing to leave until their ideas have been seen.

"The difficulty for the Kuwaitis is that they cannot possibly consider all these ideas. However, if British companies can get in there, it might be possible for us to bring forward one or two of these more inventive proposals," he added.

Unholy disputes cast their pall on Holy City

From PAUL ADAMS IN JERUSALEM

AN ELDERLY Jew is stabbed near the Wailing Wall and the great gates of the Old City are closed while police search for the culprits. Tension simmers in the Holy City, where Jews, Christians and Muslims are consumed by the fervours engendered by Passover, Easter and Ramadan.

At first glance, the gloomy interior of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre offers a welcome retreat from the hurly-burly of the modern world. But the scene of Christ's crucifixion and burial is also the place where competing Christian rites rub vestments.

With six denominations laying claim to parts of the basilica, this particular house of God has long had its unholy aspect: a battle over territory and rights that mirrors the wider political struggles. "Here you can lose a right if you don't protect it," says Father Jerome Murphy O'Connor, an Irish Dominican teacher and archaeologist. "What that means, of course, is that everybody is watching everybody like a hawk."

The Greek Orthodox Church controls much of the shrine, with some of the smaller sects relegated to dingy, ill-kept chapels or, in the case of the Ethiopians, a cluster of mud huts on the roof. The 19th-century Irish missionary, J. L. Porter, complained that he saw "nothing like devotion" in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. "Place was the object of worship, not God," he wrote in 1886. "The bitter animosities of rival sects came out on all sides, among the clergy as well as their flocks; and it was only the presence of the Turkish guard that prevented open war."

British and Jordanian guards also saw duty inside the church before being replaced by Israelis in 1967. To this day the keys are held by the Nusseibehs, one of Jerusalem's most prominent Muslim families.

Disputes now tend to be less ferocious than those of the 19th century, when clergymen would sometimes show visitors scars won during inter-denominational rows, but Father O'Connor says the police are still necessary. "They can get extremely violent," he says. "You see the candlesticks. They are very big and heavy. If you hit someone with one of those, permanent damage is done."

In 1856 a fight broke out between Armenian and Greek monks inside Christ's tomb (a heavy excrescence once compared to "a gaudy newspaper kiosk in Salonika"), resulting in four serious injuries. The two groups still preside over the ceremony of the Holy Fire, which takes place on the Orthodox Holy Saturday, next week. Father O'Connor believes the miracle, in which fire emerges from a hole in the side of the tomb, has a perfectly logical explanation. "It is the friction between the Greeks and Armenians."

For several years, ceremonies in the rotunda have taken place under a gloomy shadow cast by scaffolding and disagreements over decorations to the restored dome. "The optimists say the debate could go on maybe a thousand years," says Father O'Connor.

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Kuwaiti opposition courted for cabinet

From JAMIE DETTMER IN KUWAIT CITY

SHEIKH Saad al-Sabah, the Kuwait crown prince, continued yesterday secret efforts to recruit members of the main opposition parties to join his government, which is expected to be announced today.

First attempts apparently failed after he made it clear he could not accept all the demands put forward by opposition leaders. He and other members of the ruling al-Sabah family were reported to be trying to divide them by making separate deals with the Muslim Brotherhood, which has perhaps the greatest following, and an Arab nationalist group.

But opposition parties have told the crown prince there must be fewer al-Sabahs in the new cabinet. Eight of the 22 outgoing ministers are al-Sabah members. They have also called for a broad-based national salvation government and a firm date for elections to a national assembly.

There is considerable pressure on the crown prince, who has held the post of prime minister since 1977, to appoint at least one prominent "insider", someone who stayed in Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation.

A noticeable division has developed between people who remained in the emirate during the occupation and those who sought sanctuary in Saudi Arabia or Western countries. Neighbourhood committees, which were formed during the occupation, are still much in evidence and have harshly criticised the outgoing government's handling of the emergency reconstruction programme.

Peace spells death for dogs of war

From JUAN CARLOS GUMUCIO IN BEIRUT

IN Lebanon, if dog bites man, he calls the police and the solution is as indiscriminate as it is final. The only shots heard in Beirut these days are those fired by law enforcers killing dogs on the beaches and in the streets.

Outraged dog-owners say they feel impotent in the face of the shoot-to-kill policy that came in this week after reports of three pedestrians being attacked by stray dogs at night. Although witnesses said they had seen dozens of bullet-ridden dogs dumped by the sea, the exact number of killings in the past few days is not known. "There will be many more," predicted a patrolling policeman.

If the campaign proves the Middle Eastern aversion to dogs, it also exposes the irony that, for hundreds of animals, peace in Beirut means a violent death. They were certainly better off at war: the dogs once lived in the ruins of Beirut's green line, where there were always leftovers from soldiers and militiamen.

The dogs of war lost their refuge when the green line was dismantled and rubbish collection lorries, scrap metal hunters and developers moved into the former battlefield after the withdrawal of the militias last December.

Tales of hungry packs roaming the streets at night are exaggerated. One doctor dismissed reports of an imminent outbreak of rabies as absurd. The police were "having fun shooting dogs", protested a businessman, owner of a german shepherd, which he said was planning to keep indoors as a precaution.

● **Beirut bombing:** a car packed with at least 200lb of explosives blew up, killing four people and injuring 27 in a Christian sector of Beirut hours after the Lebanese government had ordered all the militias to disband and surrender their weapons to the army by April 30.

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Unholy disputes cast their pall on Holy City

Progress of the pilgrimage

Ruth Gledhill on the growing number of people who make for sites of mass worship at Easter



Faces of faith: Walsingham's shrines will attract some 18,000 pilgrims between now and autumn and probably, as in 1988, some protesters

They who would true valour see are heading this weekend not for the Holy Land but to the small village of Walsingham, to St Albans or to Butlins. Inspired by John Bunyan's hymn, pilgrims are progressing as never before.

With the continuing secularisation of Christmas, the Easter celebration has become the one which marks the beginning of the season for pilgrimages, mass worship and Christian festivals.

Pilgrimages to the holy shrines at Walsingham in Norfolk begin this weekend with an influx of students who have spent Holy Week on the march. Ten thousand traditional Anglican worshippers will meet at St Albans, Hertfordshire, for an open-air service outside the abbey on Monday. Many more thousands of evangelicals and charismatics will be gathering at Butlins holiday camps around Britain for celebration and worship continuing for several weeks. Several hundred Anglicans will meet in Canterbury cathedral for the annual Easter youth pilgrimage on Monday.

Dr David Hope, the Bishop of Wakefield who is to become Bishop of London, is not surprised by the upsurge in enthusiasm for pilgrimages. As Master of the Guardians of Walsingham's Anglican shrine, he has experienced the spiritual renewal to be had from them. "Walsingham is actually a very holy place. People come from north, south, east and west to celebrate," he says. "You get all shapes and sizes, the good, the bad and the ugly, coming together. It is a place of renewal, refreshment and healing."

Sue Astley, the organiser of this weekend's multi-denominational Walsingham student pilgrimage, Student Cross, says: "The pilgrimage has a number of functions: it is a reminder to those who see us that there is more to Easter than eggs and bunnies; it is a means by which we can work towards inter-denominational understanding and church unity; and it is also an environment in which individuals can take time to think, pray and talk over problems."

Last night, the student pilgrims commemorated the crucifixion, and will meet tonight and on Sunday morning to celebrate the resurrection in what Ms Astley describes as "exuberant style".

Their celebrations mark the beginning of the Walsingham season, which continues through the summer and into autumn, during which time about 18,000 pilgrims, not including tourists, are expected visit the shrines.

John Selwyn Gummer MP, a member of the Church of England's general synod and a guardian of the shrine, says: "There is something special about a place which has been worshipped at for a long time. Increasingly people recognise that religion should involve the whole person. Holistic philosophy is something we have begun to rediscover. An important element is the togetherness.

"In England it is the one area where we come close to the orthodox concept of bringing heaven to earth: there is a very real sense in which we are making manifest the 'otherness' of religion. That is what we mean when we say we are imbibing the atmosphere, but that is a terribly English way of putting it."

Young people from Britain, Europe and Africa have spent the past week making their way, many on foot, to St Albans for the annual youth pilgrimage and Easter celebration. At least 10,000 are expected to gather in a big top outside the cathedral for a service on Monday afternoon. The celebration, which began in 1944, outgrew the cathedral building several years ago. The Rev Michael Shaw, the diocesan youth worker, says: "The focus is still on young people, but it is very much an all-age event."

The worship is traditional Anglican in style, and has in previous years included Bunyan's and other pilgrim hymns. "It is not at all charismatic or evangelical, it is what I would call straightforward Anglican. It is not like Spring Harvest," Mr Shaw says.

Spring Harvest, which has become a traditional Easter focus of evangelical worship in Britain, is the other main Christian event which straddles Easter. This year, a record 80,000 people are travelling to four sites around the UK, 10,000 up on last year. A non-denominational event, Spring Harvest aims to "challenge society's taboo subjects and give a Christian response", according to a spokesman.

The festival will include seminars on the reality of occultism (as a response to reports of ritual child abuse), homosexuality, healing and miracles, addiction, eating disorders, prophecy, the "suffering church" and the blasphemy laws.

Most people stay at Butlins camps at Minehead, Pwllheli, Skegness and Ayr for a week. Speakers include Graham Kendrick, the co-ordinator of the national March for Jesus planned for September, and John Smith, an Australian preacher and president of the exotic-sounding God Squad motor cycle club. Mr Smith has spent 20 years working with the homeless and addicts.

Peter Meadows, a member of the executive committee, says: "Christianity relates to the way we live our lives. We need to open our eyes to the needs around us and provide guidelines on how to respond effectively. We won't be coming up with solutions to the poll tax, but we will be looking at the impact of the poll tax, which has caused national unrest."

Easter events

☐ **Food fair:** Sample or buy goat and sheep dairy products, organically grown vegetables, bread, preserves, wines, beers and ciders. *Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, Sussex (0243 63348). Tomorrow and Mon, 11am-5pm; £3, children and students £1.50, family £8.*

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☐ **Woodland project:** Ancient art of coppice crafts — making hurdles, rakes, besom brooms — plus a wide range of wooden items, including furniture, made by amateur and professional craftsmen and women. *Willow Gallery, Weobley, Herefordshire. Today, tomorrow and Mon, 10am-5pm; 50p.*

☐ **Farm crafts:** Demonstrations and craft items for sale, cart rides, Morris dancers. The mansion, gardens and old hall also open. *Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire. Today, tomorrow and Mon 10.30am-4.30pm; £1.50, child £1, car park £1.70.*

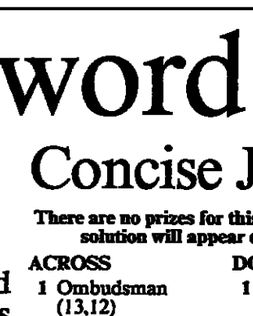
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Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Lambing without the poetic bits

I AM thinking of spring lambs, of Easter, and how our little farm can now claim to be a greetings card come to life: the lambs started to arrive a week ago. Although my calendar has had "Lambs from this date" inscribed on it for nearly five months, we were never convinced. We suspected the idle ram of having a permanent headache, but behind that indifferent stare burnt a virile passion, and his girls are now paying the price.

The problem with pregnant ewes which have not had lambs before is that they don't try very hard. They assume they are suffering from indigestion, or perhaps constipation, and wander around rather stiffly, putting a brave face on things. One ewe, about to give birth, sprinted to the feeding trough. The half-born lamb dangling from her will now presumably be so traumatised that it will live in fear of the dinner gong.



When lambs are born without any bother, it is a delight to watch. Their confused little bodies plop to the ground like a bundle of wet washing and take just one breath before looking for Mum. Then they stretch their limbs and stagger to their feet, wobbling like a rickety table. One foot goes bravely in front of another and slowly they inch closer to the radiant warmth of the ewe. So begins the most vital expedition of their lives: to the teat.

Considering the ewes have not spent months thumbing through Mothercare catalogues and getting into the maternal frame of mind, they get the idea remarkably quickly. The instant they have sniffed the lamb and confirmed it is theirs, they defend it with stamping feet if you get too close, and a headbutt will meet any other ewe which seems intent on theft.

Once mother and lamb have bonded, I move them into the family quarters — and all hell breaks loose. The other ewes start sniffing the little newcomer, confused as to whether the lamb might be theirs. If they decide it is not they butt it into the air until the poor little thing retreats, bleating. This forces its mother to step forward to the defence. The revolving mass of sheep, sniffing and butting, gyrates for about five minutes until families are reunited.

For all the lambs that are born without difficulty, it is the ones that don't make it that stick in the memory. We lost twins because the firstborn got its head wedged and its legs tangled. It happened with another ewe, but this time I was there to help. Remembering the lessons at our local agricultural college, I greased my hand. For those lambing lessons we were given an appliance made of plywood and a rubber bag which represented the rear end of a sheep. To give it an authentic feel, the bag was encased in warm water at sheep temperature and filled with a jelly. A bicycle pump was attached to it and the whole thing could be inflated so that when you inserted your hand as if helping a lamb to be born, the tutor could give a quick stroke of the pump to simulate a contraction. It is not the sort of device to which innocents should be exposed. The real thing is far more satisfying if you are successful; depressing if you are not.

I am just back from helping a ewe to give birth to her over-sized lamb. The lamb didn't make it. I blew down its mouth as a sort of kiss of life, tickled its nostrils with a straw. It didn't respond. It was a big, strapping sort of lamb that deserved to frisk in the meadows.

Half an hour before I had been watching and enjoying lambs at play. Now I had a dead one to bury. But if you can't take the knocks you are a poor shepherd.

My 19th century *Cyclopaedia of Agriculture* says of shepherding: "Owing to the nature of his work affording him time and opportunity for quiet thoughts, there has always been associated with shepherding much that is poetic and beautiful and good."

True, except that this novice shepherd finds the poetic bits are followed so swiftly by action that I am a spinning mass of emotions. Coupled with ewes and fresh-born lambs spinning around their pens, these are dizzy days on the farm.

The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword

Test your word power in our Easter holiday competition

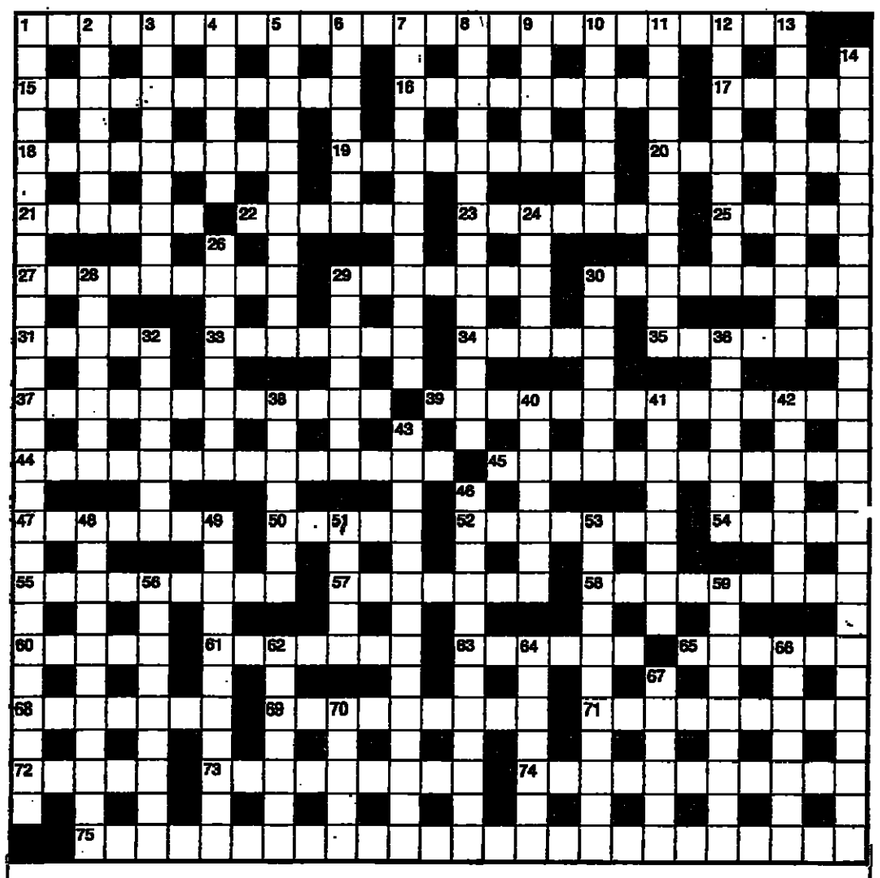
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ACROSS

1 Advice about foreign capital for would-be mergers (4,2,4,2,2,3,6,2)
15 Organized medical side, as we did on D-day (11)
16 Part of ancient Iran Edward survived (9)
17 Old people held in police nick (5)
18 Quality of dab — fresh one's kept in river (9)
19 Remove queen and surrender position after bishop's taken (9)
20 Exceeded Cambridge's opponents' score, almost (7)
21 Wear oarsmen out in this university city? (6)
22 Parasite found in marine animal (6)
23 How to make a score of two and a half (7)
25 Slowly scored fifty runs in a game (5)
27 One no longer in county set, having upset his Kerry circle (9)
29 American cotton all right for an Indian (7)
30 Transport cost new to a Mediterranean port (9)
31 Complaint from 74 about crude oil (5)
33 American general has to prohibit a Japanese art (7)
34 Not quite a bull's eye for private (5)
35 Careful to conceal religious books in chapel (7)
37 Lack of forward planning I'm showing with state's capital (12)
39 Unruly behaviour producing another story, perhaps (7,3,4)
44 Full-scale practice to prepare for course — again tries a new driver (5,9)
45 Tyrant overthrown by Christian (7,5)
47 Northern region or southern part of Europe (7)
50 A setback for storyteller (5)
52 Visual potential of the Capitol (7)
54 At home with chess openings, secures a mate (5)
55 Not bound to include cut fruit in one (9)
57 Pike decapitated craftsman (7)
58 Metal bat with a lack of stiffness, we hear (9)
60 Soundly beats innocent children (5)
61 Income tax centre, oddly, gets lots of praise (7)
63 Music heard on ship in second-class cabin (6)
65 He provided light, turning end of match (6)
68 Dingy headquarters of film unit, mostly Liverpudlian (7)
69 Wild animal has to walk first, then run (5,4)
71 Ricochet? Take a quick look at the wings (6,3)
72 An animal or two born inside (5)
73 Comfortable stern accommodation — for midshipman? (4,5)
74 Six-footer with bat could be found here (7,4)
75 Novel conditions favoured Channel crossing (4,5,3,4,3,6)

DOWN

1 Young Sheffield footballer's not at all happy in the nursery, it's said (10,5,2,4,2,3)
2 'e's bound? No longer (7)
3 French Academy for old soldiers? (9)
4 Broadcast in sound put out again (6)
5 To overcome a knight, say, is a major achievement (11)
6 Ineffective person's gone crazy, creating resentment (7)
7 I'll beat a chap terribly, as ordered — literally (12)
8 Concerned with words making zero sense in the end (14)
9 Girl some Americans provided with capital (5)
10 Bound to pass? Not in spring (7)
11 Radio One cut me off — concerned with level of sound (11)
12 Spark that is alight until midday (9)
13 Excessively serious art receiving too much money? (11)
14 Brewer's work, including that of 50 and 53, say (10,2,6,3,5)
24 Sign you need to understand up North (5)
26 Small pay-outs I have may be creating discord (8)
28 Restoration comedy could be disaster in theatre (7)
29 Pure English well represented by this poet (Spenser) (7)
30 Cavalry officer holding old mark of rank (7)
32 One who singles out no beggar (7)
36 Retort from doctor, one interrupting smart chap (7)
38 Green alder and hollow elm destroyed (7)
40 Tidy Geordie transport up (7)
41 Runway for this aircraft (8)
42 Opening provided in precious metal and stones (7)
43 New MP had seat with 9 in North London area (9,5)
46 Bird has to put up with a couple of scraps (5-7)
48 Male scholar's pet dog (4,7)
49 No subtlety in pronouncement of 'arsh quality (11)
51 Be a climber in social group (5)
53 Failed to sort out a geometric proof's conclusion (4,2,5)
56 Italian leader Greek character's overthrown in one defeat (9)
59 Bad actor I displaced as King Lear, for example (9)
62 Recovers part of income stolen (5,2)
64 The French corporal, say, in a northern town (7)
66 Enlarged circle with lines in all directions (7)
67 Promenader's a proud member of musical sextet (6)
70 Way in which expert is engaged in contest (5)



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SOLUTION TO NO 2445 (yesterday's concise crossword)

ACROSS: 1 Bubble 4 Shrimp 9 Warfare 10 Tiger 11 Rear 12 Etcetera 14 General Strike 16 De Gaulle 18 Fist 20 Eland 21 Chasing 23 Speedy 24 Cooled

DOWN: 1 Bow 2 Bargain 3 Loaf 5 Hitherto 6 Ingle 7 Permanent 8 Mental block 11 Rigidness 13 Grounded 15 Initial 17 Grace 19 Sago 22 God

Concise Jumbo

There are no prizes for this crossword. The solution will appear on Monday

ACROSS

1 Ombudsman (13,12)
15 Flapping wings craft (11)
16 Blood plasma treatment (9)
17 Medieval harlot (5)
18 If not (9)
19 October 31 (9)
20 Tuneful (7)
21 Tingle (6)
22 Pilfers (6)
23 Capreolus capreolus (3,4)
25 Plain clothes (5)
27 Salt (3,6)
29 Brimstone (7)
30 Harsh monetary demands (9)
31 Alas (5)
33 Ultimate recipient (3,4)
34 Dormant (5)
35 Adept (7)
37 Resounding sounds (7,5)
39 Letdown (14)
44 Hollow triumph (7,7)
45 Sale bargain (7,5)
47 Foreign outpost (7)
50 Angevins French duchy (5)
52 Landing field (7)
54 Pick-me-up (5)
55 Unusual items (9)
57 Thrill (7)
58 Pressure-moulded piece (9)
60 Finalise (3,2)
61 Wealthy inheritrix (7)
63 Start dentition (6)
65 Billowing clouds (6)
68 Bar buttons (7)
69 Benefactress (9)
71 Rockslide (9)
72 Striped-leg ruminant (5)
73 Checker (9)
74 Wipe out (11)
75 Royal Albert Hall occasion (5,4,9,7)

DOWN

1 Seats by party votes (12,14)
2 Big farmer (7)
3 Among other things (5,4)
4 Short-sighted (6)
5 Domain of dead (11)
6 Dirigible (7)
7 Annual pay (6,6)
8 Degenerative joint disease (14)
9 Curved billiards shot (5)
10 Unusual (7)
11 Commemorative writings (2,9)
12 Observe restriction (4,5)
13 18-hole session (5,2,4)
14 Lock up alone (5,2,8,11)
24 Eagle's nest (5)
26 Hypersensitive (8)
28 Washing up board (7)
29 Questionable (7)
30 Non-uterine (pregnancy) (7)
32 Peacock-crowned Hindu deity (7)
36 Service first music (7)
38 WW 2 Japanese battle island (7)
40 Communist party organisation (7)
41 Nervous, excited (2,1,5)
42 Turkish "Mr" (7)
43 Problem solver (7,7)
46 Vigorously publicises (5,3,4)
48 Set dance steps (11)
49 Dash out (4,7)
51 Adjudicator (5)
53 Kindly, warm (4,7)
56 Eviction (9)
59 Wailing (9)
62 Thickly-applied paint (7)
64 Oriental (7)
66 Take from packing case (7)
67 Cloth (6)
70 Inclination (5)

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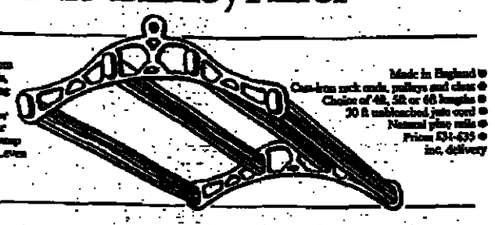
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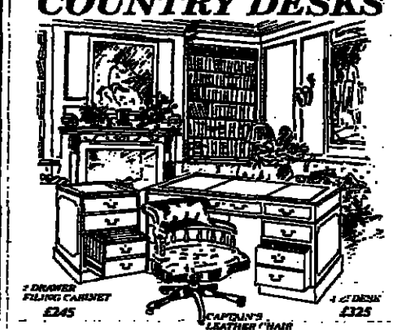
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Andreotti quits and points Italy's way to radical changes

From PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME

GIULIO Andreotti resigned as Italy's prime minister yesterday, ending the country's 49th postwar government but possibly opening a route to the most radical changes in the Italian political system since the second world war.

After informing the cabinet and the senate of his intentions, Signor Andreotti, a Christian Democrat, formally handed in his resignation to President Cossiga.

During a speech to the Senate interrupted by catcalls, Signor Andreotti said: "I hope my resignation will serve to reinforce the nation's politics. Honourable senators, I think it is our duty not to ignore a climate of exhaustion that has been accumulating for months.

"In resigning ... I am confident that all this ... (will) only give more strength to national policy, increasing and resurrecting in citizens their faith in the state and in its representative institutions."

Signor Andreotti was forced to step down as head of a coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Liberals and Social Democrats by demands from the Socialist party led by Bettino Craxi, and from President Cossiga, for a government that would make fundamental reforms in the electoral system and other political institutions. If these reforms are carried out, Italy would effectively enter its "second republic" with a completely overhauled constitution.

Signor Andreotti, one of Italy's most experienced and astute leaders, is expected to be asked by Signor Cossiga to try and form a new government after Easter. But the conditions of radical institutional reform set by Signor Craxi and Signor Cossiga are such that it will be very hard to form a coalition with a clear reform programme, and Italians could well be called to early elections.

Although all the coalition government parties, including the Socialists, have said they are not in favour of elections before the end of the legislature in June 1992, it is believed that the Socialists would benefit from an early vote. Although they hold only 14 per cent of parliament, administrative elections indicate that they would stand to gain several percentage points. On Thursday, Signor Craxi said that in the interest of reforms "early elections would not be a drama".

The need for drastic change in a complex, unwieldy and "over-engineered" political system has been apparent for some time to all in the political spectrum. But the exactly proportional system of representation has meant that the very weakness of a series of coalition governments with narrow majorities has prevented any serious changes.

The Socialists are calling for a presidential republic, possibly on French lines, in which the president has greater executive powers and is elected directly by the voters. Other suggestions include a cut-off point, possibly of 5 per cent, below which parties are not admitted to parliament. Three of the five coalition parties, Republicans, Liberals and Social Democrats, have less than 5 per cent of the vote and would have to merge to have a parliamentary voice.

Signor Andreotti, known as "the old fox" of Roman politics, will have the unenviable task of presenting a programme that the traditional five coalition parties will agree to, but that will also earn the stamp of approval of Signor Craxi and Signor Cossiga. If he fails, in spite of 40 years' experience of the intricacies of the Italian political scenario and after having led six of the nation's 49 governments, Signor Cossiga will be forced to entrust the task to someone else, possibly Signor Craxi.

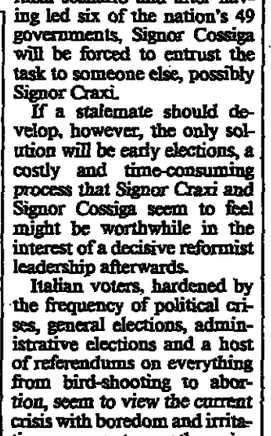
If a stalemate should develop, however, the only solution will be early elections, a costly and time-consuming process that Signor Craxi and Signor Cossiga seem to feel might be worthwhile in the interest of a decisive reformist leadership afterwards.

Italian voters, hardened by the frequency of political crises, general elections, administrative elections and a host of referendums on everything from bird-shooting to abortion, seem to view the current crisis with boredom and irritation, as yet another incomprehensible squabble "in the palace". On the basis of past experience there is no reason to believe that early elections would significantly change the balance of power.

● MILAN: *Gladio*, the secret army set up in Italy in the 1960s to prepare for a possible communist invasion or coup was equipped with "unconventional weapons" stored at an American base, according to documents seized from Italy's secret service by an investigating magistrate (Andrew McEwen writes).

The weapons were not identified, but the term usually means nuclear, chemical or biological warheads.

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Andreotti: difficult task of forming new coalition



Time of absolution: the Pope, carrying on with a Good Friday tradition he started 12 years ago, hearing the confession in St Peter's of one of 12 pilgrims, chosen from the thousands who flock to Rome from all over the world in holy week

Rally in Tirana challenges the ghost of Hoxha

By JOHN HOLLAND IN TIRANA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MORE than 20,000 Albanians thronged the Tirana University campus yesterday in an outpouring of support for the opposition Democratic Party against the communists in Albania's first free elections tomorrow, which follow more than 45 years of orthodox stalinism.

The communist authorities had refused to allow an anti-government election rally to be held in Tirana's main square yesterday, where last month angry demonstrators pulled down a statue of the late dictator, Enver Hoxha.

Opposition organisers, who have accused President Alia's ruling Party of Labour conducting a dirty tricks campaign, demonstrated instead at the university, a symbolic venue for the Democratic Party, which was founded there last December after unprecedented student protests.

The camp of Ramiz Alia has revealed its nervousness over the prospect of losing power, and the president, aged 66, admitted as much during a news conference yesterday.

"Whether I stay is not up to me, I am not a dictator," the leader declared, insisting that despite his party's absolute control over the military and secret police, as well as the moribund bureaucracy, he would accept "the verdict of the people".

His one press conference of the campaign was described by a long-time observer as "smooth and cagey", and few here believe that a transition to a non-communist system will flow as smoothly as Mr Alia's words, judging by the applause he received at the end of the conference from communist functionaries and most Albanian journalists. Communist loyalists have been accused of intimidating opposition candidates campaigning in communist strongholds in the countryside, while several Western monitors have claimed that electoral lists for the country's 1.9 million voters have been altered to favour the communists.

None the less, it does appear that Europe's last bastion of stalinism is about to be overhauled irrevocably.

The Democratic Party claims, with some justification, to have tipped the balance in its favour in what is shaping up to be a tight race in one of Europe's oddest and shortest election campaigns.

At stake are 250 parliamentary seats, requiring the candidates to win an outright majority. Many probably will fail and a run-off will be necessary within several weeks.

The leader of the Democratic Party, Gramoz Pashko, promised to end "the system of privilege in Albania which has led to tyranny", and hinted that the country's feared secret police, the Sigurimi, has been muzzled, if not eliminated.

Mr Pashko promised that there would be no coalition with the communists if the Democratic Party wins tomorrow but fails to gain an absolute majority to control parliament. "That party," he said, referring to the communists, "is unchangeable, unreformable, and for us would be totally unacceptable in a coalition." He did not rule out a coalition with any of the other half-dozen opposition parties contesting seats.

Warsaw Pact break-up leaves security vacuum

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Warsaw Pact, the communist military alliance long seen as the main threat to freedom in the West and an instrument of Soviet hegemony in a subjugated Eastern Europe, will be officially disbanded tomorrow.

Military leaders of the six remaining members – the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania – met for the last time in Moscow on Monday at the office of General Vladimir Lobov, the Soviet chief of staff. All that remains is the political structure, which will continue temporarily – in deference to Soviet hardliners – until the foreign ministers meet in July in Prague to discuss the pact's demise.

Set up by Moscow in 1955 to counter the founding of Nato, the pact was an instrument of Soviet military control over its satellites and a means to enhance the credibility of Soviet confrontation with the West. There was no attempt to set up an integrated command structure, no independent headquarters, no political council, or parliamentary assembly.

The stationing of Soviet troops was regulated by bilateral treaty; and the pact, whose forces only saw action against their own members, forfeited any chance of winning popular approval when it was used to help and justify the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. Albania left the pact in 1968. A greater blow was when East Germany quit last year.

Already Soviet troops are beginning to leave their former barracks and the last tanks left Prague this week. The 73,500 troops in Czechoslovakia and 49,500 in Hungary will all be home by July. The exodus also has begun from the large garrison in what was East Germany, though it will take until 1994 before the remaining 370,000 go. Negotiations ended only two weeks ago on the timetable for the withdrawal of all 50,000 in Poland. The first Soviet convoy will leave on April 9.

But the satisfaction in Eastern Europe at their departure has been tempered by anxiety over the security vacuum they leave behind. In the bloc-to-bloc European arms control negotiations, East European countries had a collective say. They now have no institutional relations with Nato, and fear their interests will be ignored when a new Conventional Forces in Europe treaty is negotiated. "All 22 countries will have to be involved; but it is now not clear how," one diplomat said.

Several countries are looking towards Nato to guarantee their security, but Nato has made it clear it will not admit them because it sees this as too provocative to Moscow. The most they might be offered is some kind of associate relationship, stopping short of a military guarantee.

President Havel of Czechoslovakia remarked bitterly during a visit to Nato headquarters that an alliance of countries united by the ideals of freedom "should not be forever closed to neighbouring countries that are pursuing the same goal". Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia are therefore looking at a strengthening of their own relations. Hungary and Czechoslovakia are also interested in Italy's proposals for a "pentagonal" that includes Austria and Yugloslavia.

Austrian nurses get life for killing patients

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN VIENNA

TWO nurses' aides were convicted yesterday of killing 20 patients with lethal drug overdoses or by forcing water into their lungs after a trial exposing glaring faults in Vienna's hospital system.

The three-judge panel sentenced Waltraud Wagner, aged 32, Irene Leidolf, aged 27, to life imprisonment for murder. The judges sentenced Stefanija Mayer, aged 51, to a 20-year term for attempted murder and manslaughter and Maria Gruber, aged 25, to 15 years for attempted murder.

The jurors found Wagner guilty of 15 murders, 17 attempted murders and two cases of aggravated assault. Leidorf was convicted of five murders, two attempted murders, Mayer of seven attempted murders and one case of manslaughter, and Gruber of two attempted murders.

Lawyers for Wagner and Leidorf announced they would appeal to have the trial declared invalid on procedural grounds and because of unverifiable evidence. Leidorf's counsel, Gerhard Winterstein, said he planned a separate appeal. The lawyers for Mayer and Gruber reserved the right to appeal.

The four, dubbed "the angels of death" in Austria's tabloid press, initially admitted to involvement in more than 40 deaths between 1983 and 1989 before retracting most of their confessions.

Presiding judge Peter Straub condemned the "ingenious and malicious methods" used by the defendants. The patients, all old and chronicallly ailing, were given intravenous overdoses of drugs or were killed by forcing their tongues aside and pouring water down their windpipes.

Wagner, who was in a stupor for most of the four-week trial, slumped over as sentence was pronounced. Mayer collapsed at the end of the trial and was taken out of the courthouse on a stretcher.

After failing to reach agreement on Thursday on the 247 points summarising the testimony and charges, the jury of six women and two men were locked overnight into Vienna's ornate neo-classical county court. Officials said they reached a decision at 3 am. The verdicts and sentences were pronounced 12 hours later.

The case had gripped Austria, not only because it revealed mass murder unprecedented in the country's modern history but because it pointed to major shortcomings in hospital care in a country that prides itself on its socialised medical system.

Germany urged to name arms dealers

HEINRICH Weiss, president of the German Industrial Federation, has called on the government to publish a full list of German companies under investigation for illegal arms dealings with Iraq (Ian Murray writes from Bonn).

Herr Weiss made the plea in an interview published yesterday in *Der Spiegel*, after the Darmstadt state prosecutor confirmed that 14 Germans had so far been charged with selling Iraq equipment for the manufacture of chemical weapons and bombs.

One of her Herr Weiss's company's is under investigation for allegedly supplying Iraq with parts for a supercannon. He has denied this and said it was time to end the global slandering of German industry.

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles has produced a list of 135 German firms it claims have been connected with the production of poison gas in Iraq.

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Taxing Vietnam

Hanoi – Some Vietnamese and foreign residents will have to pay between 10 and 50 per cent of their salaries in taxes under an amended income tax law. The law is meant to boost state revenue as the government shifts from a centrally planned to a market-oriented economy. *(Reuter)*

Fueling costs

Prague – The Czechoslovak government is to stop subsidising energy, with the result that fuel and energy prices will more than double. From May 1, brown coal will cost 234 per cent more, coke 246 per cent more, while natural gas will rise by 134 per cent, according to the newspaper *Mlada Fronta Dnes*. *(AP)*

Polish visas

Bonn – Poles will be able to visit Germany, France, Italy and the Benelux countries for three months without a visa, from April 8, in the wake of an agreement signed yesterday by the countries concerned. The concession was promised last November by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor.

Bricks dropped

Peking – A Sino-Australian company that claimed to be selling bricks from China's Great Wall had its licence revoked after the bricks were found to be fakes, the *China Daily* said. The Jing Ao Great Wall Souvenir Co Ltd sold several hundred bricks before and during last year's Asian Games. *(AFP)*

Exit from Ukraine's topsy-turvy world

The KGB's long arm reaches out from Moscow to frustrate a bid by **Roger Boyes** *to learn to love Lvov, once Polish but now light years away in prosperity*

THE KGB captain with gold teeth was told to take me to the Soviet-Polish border and make sure that I did not slip away into the fertile fields and dense copses of the Ukrainian countryside. It was, for him, an annoying but slightly unusual job at the end of his working day, a good story perhaps for the Lvov police station: an English reporter with an inadequate visa promise from Moscow. "You should know this, mister – Moscow is far, far away."

Yet Moscow touches everything. There are, of course, Ukrainian flags and Madonna shrines along the way. Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky returns today to Lvov, and for the first time since 1946, when the Uniate Catholic Church was forcibly absorbed into the Orthodox, the Ukrainians will have a primate.

Is that why the Lvov police are on high alert? Only partly, it seems. Huge price rises are due on Tuesday and the combination of worker unrest and the national sentiment that will be stirred by the homecoming of the cardinal this Easter is a formula for trouble in western Ukraine.

My KGB guardian in his red Lada car serves a Soviet agency but thinks as a Ukrainian. The cardinal is a good thing; price rises are "Moscow", an alien economic policy that makes no sense. The shops in western Ukraine were already thinly stacked. Now they are entirely empty, stripped by the locals stocking up on provisions while they are still relatively cheap, and by cross-border merchants who buy in the Soviet Union and sell in Poland.

On the Ukrainian side of the border, big modern granaries and ambitious churches are the only signs that the country is one of the wealthiest outposts of the Soviet Union. There are few cars and shops and the villages are in poor condition. On the Polish side the difference between the systems is immediately clear. Satellite television dishes protrude from every fourth or fifth home and the farmers skim through the puddles in brightly coloured Japanese cars. In the small Polish border town of Przemysl, where many homes still have outside lavatories, there is none the less a certain glitz: Western-style boutiques, imaginative window displays full of Easter rabbits, a money-changing centre with fairy lights.

But it is the physical border that best indicates the differences. Four miles before the Soviet frontier the queue of cars begins; it is in fact a four-day queue, long enough, says the KGB man, for people to fall in love. Most of the motorists have brought enough food to last while they wait for customs clearance, but there is little water and those in the queue – mainly Ukrainians wanting to make profits in Poland – have already started to sharpen their business skills by selling water from neighbouring farms in grimy bottles. There are even some prostitutes, women from Lvov who knock at the doors of the bored truck drivers.

In his rush to be rid of me, the KGB captain bumped into a Romanian who on the bonnet of his Dacia saloon had a display of raw meat to be bought by the queuing motorists and cooked in the fields. He hands me over to the Soviet border police post which is under KGB supervision. These are probably the richest policemen in the Ukraine, some of them picking up 50 roubles (£50) a day in bribes.

A lift is arranged. A Pole, an unemployed barber, is driving back to Przemysl after a shopping trip in the Ukraine. Soviet price rises on Tuesday, he predicts, will bring public disorder and hyper-inflation.

The dollar black market is exploding in the Ukraine: hence the border queues. My barber is trading too, in plastic hula hoops, toys and tents bought wholesale from a Ukrainian dealer. "The big market is in Soviet diamonds – you can pick up bags of them in Kiev – but you have to know your stuff. It's a game for experts with lots of capital. I am sticking to hula hoops," he said before handing me over to a friend, a taxi driver who buys subsidised Soviet petrol from the Ukrainians to sell to Polish cabbies. For a price he takes me to Cracow and tries to sell me a Russian picture book about Lvov. "I love Lvov," he says. "It should have stayed Polish. Did you like the place?" I consider the question, reflecting on a day of KGB custody. "I hardly saw it," I said.

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ROYAL NAVY OFFICER

One last hurdle for the Springboks

R.W. Johnson believes the ANC should throw its weight behind a return to international sport

One of the great sights of the 1960 Rome Olympics – the last in which South Africa participated before the international boycott of its sportsmen and women – was the Afrikaner Gerd Potgieter streaming irresistibly to victory in the 400-metre hurdles. Expectations are rising that South Africa could be back at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, if it can meet the anti-apartheid conditions laid down by the International Olympic Committee this week. But the way back lies through a political jungle.

During its 30 years of sporting isolation a plethora of anti-apartheid sports organisations grew up both within and outside South Africa, all with the aim of enforcing and policing the boycott. While there was no doubting the sincerity and justice of their cause, such organisations afforded some individuals considerable career opportunities: the most successful became famous, attracting funding from charities and the United Nations, and acting as informal diplomats. Paradoxically they depended on the continuation of apartheid and even on the occasional boycott-breakers to allow them to demonstrate their power. Such people now see these careers at an end and most want to land jobs as top administrators-cum-diplomats in the newly unified South African sporting organisations.

This is a price which the white South African sports establishment seems prepared to pay – thus Sam Ramsamy, the former head of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, has now become the new president of the Interim National Olympic Committee of South Africa. But there is a fundamental disparity: the old white sports organisations have great experience and represent most of the sporting muscle, while the anti-apartheid sports politicians represent few actual sportsmen and have seldom organised a major event. (The sole exception is soccer, an overwhelmingly black sport that is now poised to take over the top position which rugby has always enjoyed.)

Nonetheless, the political clout of the main sports organisation aligned to the African National Congress, the National Olympic Sports Congress (NOSC), is such that nothing can be achieved without its consent. But a problem immediately arises: the NOSC line is that all organisations must join a moratorium on international sporting links while the unification of the various sports bodies is achieved. What this means is that the boycott must be enforced more rigorously than ever. Organisations which have maintained even the most tenuous international links are loath to do this.

And NOSC is not alone – there is an alphabet soup of anti-apartheid sports bodies which



Mandela: a need to knock heads together and assert his authority

compete in taking a hard line, playing to the gallery of township militants and to the ANC's own wish to keep the sport boycott as a bargaining card. So first the boycott was of apartheid in sport; when that was abolished, it was of apartheid in general. Now it is argued that the boycott must stay even after apartheid goes, that it can be lifted only when universal suffrage is won; or even until some millenarian future when "full social and economic justice" is achieved.

Behind the ever widening boycott terms lies the ANC's desire to postpone South Africa's re-entry to international sport to allow time for greater black participation than would be possible by 1992. This means waiting for re-entry until the Olympics and World Cup can be staged in South Africa and for these to be turned into the sporting equivalent of the Wembley Mandela concerts, with Nelson and Winnie taking the salute of a vast audience amid a sea of ANC flags and symbols.

Intruding harshly upon this dream is the fact that several Western states, even previous hardliners such as Australia, have begun to press for an end to the boycott. Moreover the International Olympic Committee has made it clear that it will take its lead from its existing African member states, more and more of which would like an end to the boycott. None of them, after all, is in a position to argue that Olympic membership should be conditional on universal suffrage or social and economic justice. But they are also looking ahead to a post-apartheid future in which they will eagerly avail themselves of South African capital, trade and expertise. They do not wish to thwart the ANC's will, but they are exerting pressure for a change of policy.

Nelson Mandela and the rest of the ANC leadership now need to knock a few militant heads together and regain some of the initiative they have surrendered through indecision. They should demand and get as a *quid pro quo* a government pledge for the large-scale provision of better sporting facilities in the townships, perhaps assisted by private funds raised by the likes of golfer Gary Player, cricketer Clive Rice or Frew Macmillan, the tennis player.

Then there will be no need to fear that South African sport will continue to have a white face: the reservoir of sporting passion and talent in the townships is immense. True, the lack of international competition has dulled the edge of many of the country's sports – only in rugby might the Springboks emerge as immediate world champions. But that is no reason to delay.

The ANC's internal tensions are not a good enough reason to keep South Africa out of the Barcelona Olympics. In a deeply divided country the unifying symbolism of all being able to cheer the same national representatives, including a host of black soccer players, boxers and distance runners, is just what South Africa needs.

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Clifford Longley

Suffering by example

If Christmas is the people's festival, Easter is the church's festival. But Good Friday is a stumbling block. Why should anybody want to mark Christ's death, except those who see it with the eyes of faith as the "necessary evil" before the Resurrection? Those without that vision are stuck with a dead man on a cross, no more meaningful or attractive than any violent death.

But Good Friday is the answer, if a strange one, to the sharpest charge against all religion, and Christianity in particular. The charge is that religion tries to take the pain out of suffering, to pretend it is not real. Behind this charge lies the focus of the contemporary crisis of faith, the denial that the Christian idea of God can be credible.

The existence of God is less of a hurdle to belief than the existence of suffering. Suffering is bad. A loving God would want to prevent it. An almighty God *could* prevent it. So God is either not loving or not almighty. If Christians say he is both, the Christian God is logically impossible and does not exist.

The point is not usually perceived so philosophically, and cannot be answered philosophically. To talk cleverly of free will is to treat the issue as a chess game. The objection is felt as indignation or anger, as if to believe in such a God is to mock the experience of suffering, to withhold compassion, even to condone the suffering. God is fine at Christmas, but where is God at Lockerbie, Hillsborough, Zeebrugge? How dare anybody believe in such a thing at such a time?

Christianity has only one honest reply: the desolation of Good Friday. The instrument of torture and execution has become Christianity's central symbol, sometimes carrying the figure of the victim at the moment of death. Christianity may have a problem with suffering, but that cannot be mere ignorance of it.

Jesus's most revered words are those He uttered in His death agony. He said nothing about suffering not being real, that it was all worthwhile for the sake of the Resurrection, or about how free will solved the intellectual problem. He said: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Evasion this was not.

The evangelist recording the words did not censor them, nor did the church flinch from them when they were admitted to the canon of scripture. Such tragic pathos fits no comfortable scheme of explanation. Even to the unbeliever they ring true as the words of a dying man. Yet every Good Friday the church returns to such words, insisting they be fully searched for their last drop of meaning.

Rather than an avoidance of suffering, this is the opposite: making it so intense it becomes unbearable. This route is straight through the heart of suffering rather than round it. Anybody in pain, despair, humiliation or degradation may look on a crucifix and address the figure hanging there, rhetorically or in prayer and say: "At least, *you* knew what it was like." Promises that it would soon be over or that Resurrection would certainly follow brought no comfort to Jesus – why should they to anybody else? Indeed, why pray to Jesus in time of suffering, knowing that even His prayers went unanswered?

Publicly and defiantly, Good Friday flaunts all this in the face of a disbelieving world, knowing and expecting it to turn its back. Good Friday is bound to be misunderstood by many, and will be repugnant to some of those who do understand. But being misunderstood and being repugnant are parts of what Good Friday is about. It is, and is meant to be, the unacceptable face of Christianity.

The Resurrection is for believers, a private aftermath – gardens at dawn, empty tombs and upper rooms, a stranger on the road, secret ghostly appearances. There were no triumphant parades, no public vindication; only a missing body.

Nobody approaches Easter except through Good Friday, the first one, or the annual one, or their own personal agony. The only vantage point from which to look back at Good Friday in order to learn from within it, is Easter; and those who have not passed through their own Easter cannot regard the events of Good Friday as anything but bad, as meaningless pain and horror. That is all they are meant to see; all there is. Only having seen it that way, will they ever see it differently.

When fact gave way to faith

Peter Jones examines the events that led to a far-off execution, but leaves the aftermath to the theologian

First-century Judea was an impossible place to control – parallels with modern Lebanon suggest themselves. Passionately proud of their nation's ideology and calling, the Jewish people were torn apart by myriad dissident factions. They were challenged by Greek culture on one side and Roman imperialism on the other. It was ideal ground for a messiah – *meschiach* – who would throw off the foreign yoke and usher in God's kingdom.

Many Jews believed that the world was entering its Last Days. Huge crowds accompanied apocalyptic activists such as Theudas who planned to part the Jordan, and an unnamed Egyptian Jew who promised the collapse of the walls of Jerusalem. For all his *imperium* – the right to command in any way he saw fit – Pontius Pilate was simply another Roman who could not cope. He is worth an ounce of sympathy, even though his religious insensitivity caused four major disruptions in his ten years as governor, before he was recalled for corruption and disappeared from history.

Such were the times when, in about 30 AD, Jesus of Nazareth, a charismatic, pacifist teacher-healer, was cheered into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover and the arrival of the Kingdom of God.

Our sole source for these events is the gospels. That they give differing accounts of the Easter story is important for the historian. If they simply parroted one another, we would have no purchase on the issues. But the gospels are also subject to strong post-crucifixion influences, especially the early church's developing understanding of the meaning of Jesus's ministry. His death, which needed explaining, and Resurrection, which was obviously unexpected, came to be interpreted in terms of atonement for sin (the great Christian contribution to Jewish theology), while that and the failure of the expected Second Coming were turned into a call for a world-wide mission to the Gentiles. On both counts, the early church came forcefully into conflict with Judaism. These essentially post-crucifixion developments tended to be projected back into the gospel accounts of Jesus's life. Strip them away and a historical core emerges.

Jesus was seen by the Jewish leaders as yet another dissident. The reason given in the gospels – his doctrinal clashes with the



Did Pilate intend just a beating until the high priest urged the death penalty?

Pharisees – is probably exaggerated. Jesus had no time for legal niceties, but there was no case there for arrest, let alone execution. Rather, it was the threat to public order posed by Jesus that concerned the Jewish leaders. If there was trouble in a crowded Jerusalem, Pilate was the sort of man to send troops in first and ask questions afterwards. The credibility of the high priest's competence to control his people was at stake.

The mass enthusiasm for Jesus cannot have calmed his fears, nor can the provocative "cleansing of the Temple". So with the connivance of Judas, Jesus was arrested at night and – then what? The synoptic accounts (the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke) of trial or trials before the Sanhedrin, the Jewish supreme council, are unconvincing. The Sanhedrin could not meet on a feast day, let alone at night, and nothing Jesus had said implies blasphemy. The synoptics retrospectively emphasise the importance, pathos and irony of Jesus's trial, while fully implicating the Jews. John's account of a private interrogation before Caiaphas (minus the theology) is more plausible. As high priest he liaised with Pilate.

Jesus was then taken before Pilate and examined by the Roman process of *cognitio*: before the "judgment seat" (*tribunal*), accusers made allegations about the defendant (disturbing the people, urging them not to pay tribute, calling himself a king), defence was invited, and the prefect passed whatever sentence he wished.

The most important charge laid before Pilate was sedition. "Are you King of the Jews?" was the key question, and "King of the Jews" was on the *tabula* affixed to the cross. That is why Pilate condemned Jesus: a threat to Rome required Roman punishment. With hindsight, the gospels depict a Pilate reluctant to execute – so much so that the later Christian writer Tertullian called him *pro sua conscientia Christianus*.

But Pilate could do what he liked. Given his record, he probably condemned a man whom he saw as yet another minor trouble-maker without a second thought. And minor Jesus seemed. The works of the great Pharisee historian Josephus, full of insignificant dissidents like Jesus son of Ananias, who went about crying "Woe to Jerusalem" even after the prefect had him flogged, never even mentions Jesus Christ. Discussing Christianity, the Roman historian Tacitus simply says: "Its founder Christ was executed by Pilate governor of Judea in Tiberius's reign."

If Pilate did hesitate – and Luke records that he first suggested a light beating – it was shrewd of Caiaphas to argue that by rejecting the death penalty, Pilate would be no *amicus*, no "friend of Caesar". *Amicus* in such contexts had strong overtones of political allegiance, and Tiberius had revived the treason law. Pilate knew he was vulnerable. But why, incredibly, release Barabbas, guerrilla and brigand? It was in the church's interests to stress Jesus' pacifism: he was no threat to Caesar. His conduct at the trial and the Jews' success in releasing the militant Barabbas both made the point.

Sentence passed and his worldly possessions shared out among his captors (as Roman law prescribed), Jesus was crucified. To his followers it must have been a blow like a thunderbolt. An even greater thunderbolt was to follow. But here the historian creeps away. The ancient Greeks established the foundations of true historiography on the principle that it excluded the supernatural. As a spiritual event, the Resurrection can be handled by the historian, but not as a supernatural one. Christians believe in the supernatural. That is their problem. No historian can. That is his.

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...and moreover

Matthew Parris

On Thursday night I arrived in Scotland. I lead a hither-and-thither sort of life, and one of the drawbacks is that you lose touch with the real world – of television.

Things are happening out there. Characters in *EastEnders* are falling in and out of love, Oliver Reed has got drunk again, and Michael Fish is doing ski reports. But of these things I am only dimly aware. Moving in the twilight-world of "reality", I cannot flick in and out with a remote control monitor.

This makes conversation with my fellow countrymen difficult. The things they talk about are strange to me. I must have looked a fool the other day when, as we discussed TV drama on a radio programme, it became apparent that I thought *Twin Peaks* was a mountaineering documentary. I watch television only randomly – usually when it happens to be on in a room I have entered – and so see the world of the small screen as an alien might see it, coming as an outsider to things of which I know nothing, able to make little sense of them.

So I cannot tell you the name of the show on the TV as I walked into the room in Perthshire around midnight on Thursday. Nor do I know the names of the men and women engaged in a studio discussion. Except, that for one of them...

But let us start at the beginning, almost my first job: a junior post in the Conservative Research department in 1977.

It was an informal place and those were carefree days. Our boss, a friendly young chap called Chris Patten – Gosh, reader, hold on a moment! My word processor (which tells me when it cannot recognise the spelling of a word, and suggests alternatives) has just refused to accept "Chris". A message flashes onto the screen: "Try CHRIST". Too late. Mr Icke has got there first... Anyway, as I was saying, Chris held the reins at the research department deftly but loosely, and the atmosphere was relaxed. Mrs Stagg made the tea, Mrs Young manned the antiquated telephone exchange, and I shared a room with a youth of about my age called Mick.

We did not take ourselves very seriously. Shared mischief at the expense of the head of our section, gossip about the extraordinary behaviour at parties of other researchers, a sense of mutual exasperation at our leader's notion that she could actually change anything in a doomed nation... these things united us. These, and horseplay: teasing Mrs Stagg about her tea. "Staggy", Mick called her.

Mick was a fresh, chubby-faced fellow: solid by nature and in build, and exceptionally good natured. Though bright, his was a straightforward intellect. If he had ambitions, they hardly showed through a genial and unmalicious personality. He was a matter-of-fact sort of bloke, comradely, the kind who might have been a rugger player at university...

We had the same sense of humour, I fear. When the head of our section told us he had been to see his secretary at home, where she had some furniture for sale, adding "Jill has a very big chest", Mick and I kept giggling for weeks. It all seems like yesterday.

On the TV screen as I walked in, the studio group was looking at a video clip about a man who wraps buildings. Entire buildings. Thousands of dollars are spent, it seems, covering skyscrapers in brown paper and string, like parcels. Then they are unwrapped again. He is an artist. He also builds curtains across valleys, and photographs them.

After we had seen this clip, the group discussed it. There was a lady in big glasses with pink frames, and an American lady with enormous earrings in four pendant sections, a man with frizzy hair and his shirt buttoned up at the top button, and ... surely not, it couldn't be. But it was. It was Mick. He had hardly changed. "Staggy!" I could almost hear him saying, "This tea tastes like camel's piss!"

"Michael Dobbs," said the lady with pink glasses, "what was your reaction?"

"Hm," said Mick, "I found it very interesting. Strangely impressive, I mean, when a building is actually *wrapped* in paper, you somehow see it as a *shape* don't you think?" Crikey.

Then Pink Glasses showed a clip from a drama about politicians and civil servants. Pendant Earrings quite liked this one. The others didn't. "This is a terribly '80s conversation," said Top-Button-Done-Up, "isn't it?"

"Michael Dobbs," said Pink Glasses, "you are, after all, the author of *House of Cards*: how do you see it?"

Diary

Something best forgotten

Sir Charles Powell, who quit Downing Street this week after serving as unofficial foreign policy adviser to both Mrs Thatcher and John Major, has been offered a high-powered job: ambassador to Germany.

The posting, one of the most sought after in the diplomatic service, has seriously tempted Powell, who is on holiday in South Africa deciding between a lucrative career in the City and the less renumerative but fashionable life of a diplomat. He is staying with our ambassador to Pretoria, Sir Robin Renwick, who is about to move up to Washington. Renwick is one of Powell's closest friends – they joined the diplomatic service on the same day – and has been recruited to the campaign to persuade Powell to stay on.

Sir Christopher Mallaby, who can expect to move shortly after two years as ambassador to Bonn, is also trying hard to persuade Powell to stay in the service. If Powell accepts the posting he will be on familiar territory. During his swift rise through the diplomatic ranks he spent three years as first secretary in the Bonn embassy from 1974-77.

Given his wide-ranging expertise, Whitehall pundits say Powell would be better employed as political director at the FO – a job now held by John Weston, who has been tipped to succeed Sir Michael Alexander as ambassador to Nato in January 1992.

But the Foreign Office faces stiff competition to keep Powell. He has already received one firm job offer from the City at a salary far higher than anything he could earn in government service. His Italian wife, Carla, who complains that they cannot afford to have their leaking roof repaired, is sorely tempted by the prospect of a six-figure income.

If Powell does move to Bonn, what will the Germans make of an ambassador who wrote not only Mrs Thatcher's abrasive Bruges speech attacking the idea of a federal Europe, but the famous minute from a Chequers seminar describing German attitudes as "aggressive and bullying"?

● *After six years as procurement chief at the Ministry of Defence, Sir Peter Levene is taking with him a memento of his time spent investigating the cost of spare parts. Set in a presentation jewel box, it is a tiny screw, one of a batch bought by the ministry. Each screw cost £47.80.*

Trahison de Klerk

As F.W. de Klerk this week sanctioned the return from exile of thousands of ANC activists, a biography of the South African president has disclosed his anguish over the hostility of die-hard Afrikaners to his reforms. In *F.W. de Klerk: The Man in His Time*, his journalist brother Willem says that in terms of Afrikaner tradition and belief, the dismantling of apartheid is a "betrayal of the Afrikaner cause" that borders on blasphemy.

"Throughout F.W.'s career, a passionate concern for Afrikaner interests has formed a leitmotif," writes Willem. "He is deeply distressed by the curses so many Afrikaners are raining on him. Among his close associates, his amiable smile vanishes when he speaks of the failure of so many of his own people to understand that the new South Africa is a venture for their survival too."

But it was not always so. The book tells of de Klerk's reaction when he learned that his brother had met ANC leaders in London in 1989. "I was sharply rebuked for hobnobbing with terrorists, and packed off to be lectured by a National Intelligence Service officer," writes Willem. Only five months later, de Klerk legalised the ANC and released Nelson Mandela from prison.

Fantasy man

Rumours that the prime minister is trying to change his image have upset poet Wendy Cope. Her narrative poem *The River Girl*, to be published by Faber in May, is likely to be followed by a work dedicated to the famously grey Major, under the working title "If the Prime Minister Fancies You".

Cope, who confesses to having a "semi-erotic" dream about him,



says that a number of friends admit to similar experiences. "Men used to dream about Mrs Thatcher, and now it looks as if women are dreaming of Mr Major. Maybe it's because he is on the telly a lot. Why should he want to change his image? He has a nice appearance and manner. He's not overwhelmingly sexy, but he is perfectly pleasing."

Eightsome reel

Today's Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race will for the first time use the starting order "Attention – Set – Go". Gone is the 136 year-old "Are you ready? Go", which is fast disappearing from the waterways of Europe.

The old instruction has been sold down the river by rowers who say the new starting order is far superior. Not only is "attention" understood in several languages, but the use of the two following barks produces a much fairer start. Even the Germans have now adopted the phrase. "It's so simple and successful," says Peter Coni, treasurer of the World Rowing Federation. "The French used to say "Etes-vous prêts? Partez", but they too have given it up. *Partez* is a dreadful word, because it has two syllables."

Henley, however, will retain its historic instruction: "When I see that you are both straight and ready I shall start you like this. Are you ready? Go." Coni, who is chairman of the Royal Regatta, explains that Henley likes to do things differently. "We wouldn't want to be dragged screaming into the 20th century, would we?"

● *The trend towards authentic period performances of 18th-century works has suffered a setback. The British Horn Festival at the Barbican today was to have featured Leopold Mozart's* Sinfonia de Caccia, *which he composed with gun effects and hounds barking. Alas, the concert hall authorities have banned the gun. The organisers insist, however, that the hounds have no intention of joining Conan Doyle's silent watchdog and will be present in full cry.*

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MEASURING PRICES

week most prices in Britain will rise by per cent, reflecting the new VAT rate h comes into effect on Monday. As a lt, infl.. n will fall. This prediction can nade with absolute confidence, for 's retail prices index will be determined y retail prices but by mortgage rates and tax. As a result, the confusion about ain's true inflation performance will tinue, even as the RPI figures improve.

ast year John Major, as Chancellor, ed eloquent about the way that Britain's ation rate was exaggerated by rising rtgage interest rates - a "price" which ably reflected the cost of capital, not the t of living, and which other European ntries excluded from their versions of the I. This introduced a perversity into nomic policymaking in Britain: the high erest rates which were designed to control lation actually made it worse. The switch m rates to poll tax added another rversity of the same kind. Designed to ubat inflation by making local authority pending more visible, the poll tax only fuel to the inflationary fire.

e poll tax is mercifully headed for anasia, but the aberrant treatment of ing costs and interest rates in Britain's remains a pressing problem. Unfortuely, it is unlikely to be addressed in the ort term. For what was an embarrassment r the government on the way up has come a boon on the way down. With terest rates falling and VAT-burdened sumers picking up one third of the cost of pl tax, the much-maligned headline inflaou figure will soon look flatteringly ibdued. This is why the government can edict with confidence that inflation will be wn to four per cent by the winter - and hy reform of the RPI is out of the question til this inflation cycle is completed.

After the next election, ministers may feel er to act. What should they do? Housing costs could simply be excluded from the index, on the grounds that people see housing increasingly as an investment rather than a form of consumption. But this would be unacceptable. The RPI is used to index pensions and tax allowances. Its validity would be undermined by excluding the largest element in most people's living costs.

Instead, the Institute for Fiscal Studies, formerly headed by the Chancellor's special adviser Bill Robinson, has advocated an alternative way of calculating housing costs which would avoid the perversities of the present RPI. Since house prices have tended to rise, over a long period, in line with earnings, the true cost of housing is not the payment of mortgages, which tends to be recouped from rising house prices. According to the IFS, it is the value of the house depreciated over its likely lifetime. The RPI should therefore reflect higher house prices rather than higher interest rates.

Such a redefinition would leave the weight of housing in the RPI at about six per cent, as it is today, but it would have two advantages. It would make the peaks and troughs of the inflation figures less extreme. It would send more reliable signals both to the government and to the electorate about the success or failure of inflation control.

During the boom years from 1986 to 1988, for example, the IFS measure would have shown that inflation was actually accelerating, not falling, as Nigel Lawson believed. In the past two years, by contrast, inflation would have appeared lower than on the government's figures, discouraging the monetary squeeze which has thrown the economy into deep recession — and in the short term exacerbated the spiral of rising wage claims. The adoption by the Treasury of the IFS measure of housing costs would be a first step towards turning the retail prices index into what it once was: a generally accepted and fair measure of inflation.

ROMAN RUIN

aly is one of post-war Europe's success ories. From the 1950s to the 1980s, Italy joyed steady economic growth, despite aving made up for Mussolini by changing overnments as often as the revolving door alitions which dogged the French Fourth epublic. With Italy now beset by economic nd political difficulties, the country is nlikely to be shocked by the resignation of iulio Andreotti's sixth government. The 72 old prime minister is expected to form a administration — the 50th since 1945 — naps with the same coalition partners, to st until next year's general election.

Does it matter? According to the conn wisdom, Italy's political instabilelevant to its economic prosperity. most successful industrial and rcial regions in Italy — Lombardy, gna, Tuscany — are also the least ied with the politicians in Rome. ak central government by centrist s based on patronage rather than iple is no longer seen by many Italians recipe for success. The formula has d well since it was invented in the late s by Signor Andreotti's mentor, De eri. But the demands for constitutional n which are now surfacing have sprung disillusionment with a political system s seen as corrupt and decadent.

Abroad, Italy carries less weight than it should. Apart from an efficient lobbying operation in Brussels, Rome is not a force in ternational relations. The prospect of the e European market terrifies the big an corporations, though the small nesses on which the country's prosperity s been built should survive 1992.

The outgoing government was among t-war Italy's most stable, having lasted rly two years. There was a genuine ifference of principle between the two ajor partners, Signor Andreotti's Christian mocrats and Bettino Craxi's Socialists. latter supports a referendum on an utive presidency, directly elected on the rench model, though perhaps with fewer powers than De Gaulle's creation. Some Christian Democrats oppose these ideas, though the inscrutable Signor Andreotti has reserved judgement. The north might favour a stronger, though not an interventionist, government. They have despaired of Rome as it is.

But the poor and reactionary south fears for its subsidies. It is still in the grip of the Mafia, which naturally opposes outside interference. Signor Craxi promises to deal with the Mafia, but when he was prime minister from 1983 to 1987 he was scarcely more effective than Signor Andreotti has been. Northern Italy has reverted to its medieval role as a southern extension of Germany. In Italy, support for a federal Europe reflects frustration with the nation state even more than European idealism.

The real reason for Signor Craxi's decision to smash the coalition was doubtless the Socialists' desire for early elections. Signor Craxi's party stands to gain from the expected losses of the former communists, who have just renamed themselves Democratic Socialists and are not sure how much of their previous identity can be salvaged from the wreck of Eastern Europe.

It is even conceivable that after the election the Socialists will become the largest party of the left. This would break the stranglehold of the Christian Democrats, which has depended on the fact that the communists could dominate any possible coalition of the left. But the Italian electorate dislikes being made to vote more often than necessary. It might punish the Socialists. Signor Craxi is expected to be tempted back into the coalition by one of the compromises for which Signor Andreotti is so famous.

The left may eventually be united behind Signor Craxi's version of social democracy. But Italy will probably continue to lack forthright advocacy of economic liberalism from the right. With a soaring budget deficit and high inflation, despite the exchange rate mechanism, Italy is not a good advertisement for continental Christian democracy. Without liberal principles, the dependency culture of Sicily, Calabria and Apulia will continue indefinitely. Italian politics remains half a century behind the entrepreneurs who have served the nation and themselves so well.

LOGOMANIA

British Telecom, or BT as it likes to be known, has been told by Camden council that it cannot use the Telecom Tower in London to display its new logo of a prancing trumpeter. There is a longstanding ban on the use of prominent buildings to display fixed advertising signs. BT feels aggrieved. The Tower is itself a monumental item of corporate advertising. To top it with a graceful, if somewhat fey, trumpeter might well improve what is otherwise one of the duller features of the London skyline.

Only up to a point. The ban is a sound one. The use of architecture as a backdrop for advertising is rightly regarded as philistine practice smacking of banana republicanism. London's outstanding buildings (in the literal sense) are mostly indistinguished enough, without their being adulterated by hoardings, fixed signs and neon illuminations. A measure of ingenuity has been employed to get round the ban: witness the famous Oxo tower on the south bank of the Thames in Southwark, the preservation of which was demanded precisely because of the Oxo motif cunningly expressed in its brickwork. But the ban is a reasonable element in planning regulations designed to protect the townscape.

The trouble is that the ban is not uniformly enforced — except against those, such as BT, who go to the trouble of honestly asking permission. Crude signs sprout from tower blocks along the M4 motorway out to Heathrow. The new BT and Mercury call boxes, loud with logos, are stylistic excrescences, street furniture erected without thought for their setting. While pubs tend nowadays in their signing to respect architectural context, the same rarely goes for banks, fast food chains or multiple stores. All appear to have boundless zest to impose their corporate colours and lettering on buildings that may be wholly unsuited to them.

Saddest of all is the townscape along the Thames bank. The National Theatre is the worst offender, having erected a crude digital advertising sign, with flashing letters promoting its businesses. Nothing could be more out of keeping with Sir Denys Lasdun's facade than this fussy distraction. Next door, London Weekend Television has a similar hoarding. Further down, the extraordinary Seacontainers House is topped by the company's name firmly embedded in facia.

All these corporate excrescences should be removed before the river frontage becomes a continuous advertising barrage, like the approaches to many American cities. The environment secretary, Michael Heseltine, said recently that he could think of no function of the old Greater London Council that needed to be recreated. There are not many, but guarding London's appearance is one of them. The least Mr Heseltine can do is clear up this mess himself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Need to restore 'lost' regions

From Mr J. M. Bradford

Sir, The prospect of restructuring local government reminds me of a prescient *Times* leader which appeared on July 7, 1978. You wrote, "... when it becomes possible to move from the county to patterns that accord better with administrative need, the historic identities of Somerset, Cumberland, Lincolnshire and the rest should be officially restored ..."

That time has surely come. You rightly distinguished then between two things — politics and geography. Somerset, a thousand years old, is not primarily a council, it is a place, with associations and traditions quite separate from politics. Its identity could indeed be restored now — through the Lord Lieutenancy, for instance, if an official function is required — for maps, addresses and boundary signs.

After 17 confusing years the need is surely not in doubt. If in 1974 labels like "Avon" and "Cleveland" had been restricted to councils, leaving places alone, authorities like "Humberside" would not now be under threat. Equally, the striking of centuries-old concepts like Westmorland from the map was surely an act of cultural vandalism.

We are now to have local consultations about the kind of authority people want. Quite right too. It should not matter to local authorities what the region they serve is called. TV companies, water and health authorities and other agencies manage well enough without having their areas shown on maps. Let's use this chance to stabilise our geography once and for all.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BRADFORD
(Chairman, Association of British Counties),
12 Woodbine Terrace,
Headingley, Leeds, West Yorkshire.
March 25.

Scottish plebiscites

From Mr G. B. Lockhart

Sir, Professor Lumsden's suggestion (March 27) that a plebiscite be taken of the northern counties of England to discover whether the inhabitants would not be more comfortable as part of Scotland is one that has been carried out among my own family. One side of the family comes from central Scotland, the other from the north of England.

The views of those of English blood are uniformly unfavourable. (That the sample is small need not mean that this view would be found unrepresentative.)

I propose that we add to Professor Lumsden's proposal a further plebiscite — to discover how many would wish to see Scotland fully integrated into the Union, rather than suffer the current duplicity of half-in, half-out?

Yours faithfully,
GRAEME B. LOCKHART,
3 Cardean Street, Dundee.

Not at home

From Mr Cyril Bainbridge

Sir, What has happened to our toy industry? Visiting a toyshop today I noticed that the traditional British plaything the John Bull printing outfit, was now "made in China". And all the dolls were foreigners.

Yours etc.,
CYRIL BAINBRIDGE,
98 Mayfield Avenue,
North Finchley, N12.
March 26.

Departed glories

From Mrs Patrick Young

Sir, Mr Truman (March 22) is quite right; and how much jollier would the dreary crowd-control barriers at Buckingham Palace and along the Mall be if they, too, were painted sparkling "garter blue" and gold.

Yours faithfully,
JENNY YOUNG,
3f Lansdowne Road, W11.
March 22.

Severe back pain and its detection

From the Executive Director of the National Back Pain Association

Sir, It was good to see you featuring back pain (report and leading article, March 21). But the problem is now even worse than you say. The number of working days lost each year now stands at 52.6 million — a figure which has doubled in the last ten years.

I was rather sad, however, to see you emphasising back pain as a malingerer's complaint and industry's need for a back-pain lie detector.

Back pain is notoriously difficult to diagnose and there is a great deal of debate not only about the relevance of measurement in diagnosing back pain, but also of the scientific validation of machines such as the Isostation B200. In short, we are still awaiting good hard evidence of these machines' success as diagnostic tools compared with existing methods.

To a large extent this caution also applies to their therapeutic use, although given the fact that therapy is often empirical where back pain is concerned, *anything* that helps the back pain sufferer must be welcomed.

However, until the value of these machines has been reviewed in the standard scientific literature, we are unable to say whether it might not be possible to achieve similar results by alternative methods at a much lower cost.

But it is the image you present of many back-pain sufferers as shirkers and malingerers that must be dispelled. Back pain is a medical symptom about which too little is known. It is often misunderstood and trivialised, in marked contrast to the level of misery it causes.

Why has back pain disability doubled in the past ten years? Where should research now be concentrated? What can we do to educate people to look after their backs? How can we help back-pain sufferers?

Our association is working hard to address these issues, but few resources are being devoted to what is demonstrably one of the major health problems of the 1990s.

Yours faithfully,
MERVYN BRYN-JONES,
Executive Director,
National Back Pain Association,
31-33 Park Road,
Teddington, Middlesex.

From Dr Joseph L. Kearns

Sir, Occupational health services in the NHS should study the Isostation B200 and its results, in the hope that the country's largest employer would be able to prevent or remedy a major problem afflicting those who must lift patients, themselves suffering incapacity.

But such machines are no good without competent managers. The remainder of the problem is not malingering, but the inability of weak managers to rehabilitate or motivate those who suffer moderate disability.

"Malingering" in the eyes of the manager is more often his own fault, rather than that of the more intelligent subordinate who understands the sick pay system and how to manipulate it. Competent management would be a more immediate financial benefit to the patient and to the economy than waiting for the other "detectors" you visualise.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOSEPH L. KEARNS,
9 Ascott Avenue, Ealing, W5.

From Mr David Dickinson

Sir, Back pain is not an illness in itself. It is a symptom, and in many cases an avoidable one. As such, it should be seen as a warning — of poor posture, poor lifting technique, or poorly performed, repetitive movement — and it is important not to ignore it.

Once employers have used the lie detector to establish which of their employees is in genuine pain, they should re-examine workplace equipment and working methods to eliminate the causes of pain and escape an epidemic of back trouble.

Yours etc.,
DAVID DICKINSON, Editor,
Which? way to Health,
Consumers' Association,
2 Marylebone Road, NW1.

Wetland birds at risk

From the Director of Conservation, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Sir, The wetland birds of the Somerset Levels and Moors, one of Britain's largest remaining lowland wet meadow systems, are indeed under threat (report, March 21). Despite the facts that large areas receive protection as sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs) and environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs), and that millions of pounds of public money have been injected into the farming community to protect these important habitats, breeding wading birds are in disastrous decline.

The RSPB first surveyed the area in 1977, and followed this up with further surveys in 1983 and 1987. We have also monitored the breeding birds on our West Sedgemoor reserve on the Levels, on an annual basis.

Between 1977 and 1987 there were large-scale falls on the whole Levels in the breeding wader populations — lapwing, for example (a 54 per cent decline), snipe (69) curlew (38), black-tailed godwit (83) and redshank (20). Six species of wintering waterfowl also declined in numbers between 1976-7 and 1989-90. By no stretch of the imagination could the decline of these species be attributed to predation.

Management of water is the key to success. The Somerset Levels and Moors are rapidly becoming too dry for wading birds; increasingly they do not attempt to breed, as conditions are not suitable. The government should therefore insist that payments made to farmers under the SSSI and ESA systems are linked to proper water management, with occasional shallow flooding in winter and damp conditions persisting into the late spring.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WYNNE,
Director of Conservation,
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds,
The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.
March 22.

Trollope corner

From Mr Ivor Stolliday

Sir, The controversy about whether room can be found for Anthony Trollope in Poets' Corner (report, March 26) might be eased by respecting the wishes of another of its occupants.

Dickens made it very clear that he wished to be laid to rest in the small graveyard beside the walls of Rochester Cathedral.

Rochester is already the major centre for great numbers of visitors interested in Dickens: such a move would enhance this, meet the wishes of Dickens and serve the merits of Trollope.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR STOLLIDAY,
The Courtyard, Tristford House,
Harberton, Totnes, Devon.

From Mr John Snell

Sir, It seems a dreadful shame to ram poor old Trollope into a crowded corner of Westminster Abbey where no one will notice him. Surely his place is here at strife-torn Lincoln, where awaits him a vast, uncluttered nave.

Yours ever,
JOHN SNELL,
16 Minster Yard, Lincoln.

War artists

From the Director General of the Imperial War Museum

Sir, The President and Past President of the Royal Academy (March 18) lament the fact that only one war artist was sent to the Gulf. But for the existence of the Imperial War Museum's artistic records committee there would not have been any.

The committee commissions artists to cover the activities of British forces in both peace and war, but the museum receives no additional funding for this work and those appointed have no formal official status.

We are always very grateful for the cooperation our artists receive from the Ministry of Defence, but perhaps it is time for government to accept that there should be a permanent, continuing, and official artistic record of the armed services. This could be achieved by providing adequate separate funding for the artistic records committee and by giving the artists appointed the status of crown servants for the duration of their commission.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BORG, Director General,
Imperial War Museum,
Lambeth Road, SE1.
March 18.

From Mr David Cohen

Sir, I fully agree with the sentiments of Roger de Gray and Hugh Casson. The pictorial expression of the art of war extends far beyond "battle painting" and one can only hope that some of the amateur artist combatants will have recorded what they saw and felt for future generations to share.

There will be countless photographic images, but they will be lacking the very different emotions that only artists can portray.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID COHEN,
67 Northway, NW11.

From Mr David Cobb

Sir, Mr Roger de Gray and Sir Hugh Casson believe only one war artist went to the Gulf, but at least one other professional artist was there, and at the Falklands. The Royal Navy sent me to both theatres twice (as an unpaid if elderly volunteer) and I have not long completed the resulting commission on the Falklands for navy, army and civilian contractors.

Many non-professional artists may have served in the Gulf unknown to the Imperial War Museum, the Royal Academy, or the Ministry of Defence. None of these bodies encourages the study of art in war and cannot expect to have knowledgeable artists ready when war breaks out.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID COBB,
Woodis, Setley,
Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

From Mr Peter W. Bayliss

Sir, The Ministry of Defence should now address itself to having "artists in residence", on short tours, covering all aspects of service life in the three armed services, in all corners of the world. Eventually an ongoing group would develop and the logistical chain from factory to the "start line" and beyond would be instantly covered.

Yours faithfully,
PETER W. BAYLISS,
18 Whitethorn Crescent, Streetly,
Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.
March 22.

From Mrs Diana Mackey

Sir, I was appalled to see your photograph (March 22) of "war artist" John Keane with 62 rolls of film. Surely any cameraman could have done the same thing, probably better than an "artist".

Where are the precious notebooks and sketchpads to bequeath to posterity?

Yours faithfully,
DIANA MACKEY,
55 Padnell Road, Cowplain,
Hampshire.

From Mr Kenneth McQueen

Sir, There was only one war artist sent out to cover the Gulf war, complain the presidents of the Royal Academy.

I'm not sure that they are needed. Wars are not intended to provide material for artists. Those mentioned in the letter produced some memorable pictures but their contribution to victory was nil.

"How does the Ministry of Defence defend such pathetic inaction?" it is asked. They don't have to. They won the war.

Yours faithfully,
K. McQUEEN,
Ty-Isaf, Llandefaelog Fach,
Brecon, Powys.

Lest we forget heroic Yugoslavs

From Sir Alexander Glen

Sir, Fifty years ago today, on March 27, 1941, a group of Yugoslav officers led a rising to prevent their country from combining with the Axis powers. War was the certain outcome, but support was wholehearted, extensive and courageous.

The Axis attack that followed, on April 6, was ruthless and brutal. Defences were fragmented, fighter aircraft were too few and, despite gallant individual actions, mutiny compounded weakness. Massacres by the Ustachi added elements of religious and ethnic war to Hitler's partition, occupation and terror.

Nevertheless, resistance forces were in the field by June: the Loyalists (to distinguish them from other Cetniks) under Mihailovic, the Communists (later the National Army of Liberation) under Tito. Each of these factions was resolved to mould the nation's future according to its own very different lights — differences which proved irreconcilable in the merciless civil war that followed.

As the then assistant naval attaché in Belgrade, I am one of the few Britons alive today who witnessed these events at first hand. I knew and respected Draza Mihailovic, and I am proud to have played a part with Tito's Partisans in Peljesac in 1943 and on the Danube and in north-east Serbia in 1944. The indomitable courage of the Yugoslav peoples on both sides, victims of unimaginable circumstances, remains undimmed in my memory.

That courage should be recalled today, when once again Yugoslavia faces tragic problems.

Yours very truly,
ALEXANDER R. GLEN,
The Dower House,
Stanton, Broadway,
Worcestershire.
March 27.

Official statistics

From the Director of the Central Statistical Office

Sir, Roger Nightingale ("I'm sorry, I'll add that up once more", Business and Finance, March 26) clearly understands very little about balance of payments statistics.

First, the example he quotes is wrong. Expenditure by tourists is measured by a statistical enquiry, the International Passenger Survey, that obtains information directly from tourists as they enter or leave the United Kingdom. Individuals' transactions in foreign exchange have not been monitored by government since the ending of exchange controls over ten years ago.

Secondly, he confuses CSO's projections of invisibles with its estimates based on reported data. In order to provide a figure for the whole of the current account, when the monthly figures of trade in goods are published, CSO includes a monthly projection of invisibles. The CSO specifically points out that this projection is based on very little information.

Most of the revision to the 1990 estimates published on March 13 resulted from replacing the projection for the fourth quarter with the first estimate based on actual data then available for the quarter.

Finally, the reference to a "mendacious CSO" is insulting to CSO staff. The task of compiling sufficiently timely and reliable statistics is difficult enough to carry out without unhelpful and ill-informed comment. Specific proposals about improving the statistics would be far more constructive.

Yours sincerely,
JACK HIBBERT,
Director,
Central Statistical Office,
Great George Street, SW1.
March 26.

Missing an hour

From Canon Lisle Ryder

Sir, It is to the inconvenience of Christians that once again we lose an hour's sleep before a major festival. In 1988 the start of British Summer Time was appointed for Palm Sunday. In 1989 it was Easter; 1990 Mothering Sunday, and this year Easter again.

Seeing that BST ends about eight weeks before the winter solstice, it would seem logical for it to start eight weeks after the shortest day. This would fall on the third or fourth Sunday in February.

Maybe there is some reason I have missed. If not, I hope that by 1994 Easter will no longer begin with losing an hour's sleep; or perhaps more significantly a proportion of our congregations.

Yours faithfully,
LISLE RYDER,
1 Holywell Hill,
Henwick Road, Worcester.
March 25.

From Dr Simon Dover

Sir, Early next Sunday morning, which is in the middle of Passover, the clocks go forward an hour. However, in this age of electric clocks the Orthodox Jewish community will not be allowed to alter them until Sunday night. Thus for about 18 hours some of our citizens will remain on GMT as the rest enjoy British Summer Time.

How am I to interpret the times of services, etc., published by synagogues and the rabbinate?

Yours faithfully,
SIMON DOVER,
Flat 2L, 1 Herndon Court,
Broom Road,
Newton Mearns, Glasgow.
March 26.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.R.E. Adler and Miss C.E. Cox
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of the late Mr Louis R. Adler and of Mrs Adler, of Bigbury, Devon, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Cox, of Frome, Somerset.

Mr N.J. Brocklebank and Miss M.A. Hale
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Brocklebank, of Uckfield, East Sussex, and Meredith, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Hale, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr R.G.U. Corbett and Miss P.A. Gwilliam
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs David Corbett, of Shobdon, and Penny, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Gwilliam, of Broxwood, Herefordshire.

Dr F.G. Dickson and Dr A.G. Wardropper
The engagement is announced between Fraser, elder son of Helen and Tom Dickson, of Winchester, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Wardropper, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr I.M. Johnson and Miss T.G. Burke-Gaffney
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. Johnson, of Dray House, Titchfield, Hampshire, and Theresa, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Burke-Gaffney, of Troon Court, Sunninghill, Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr P.J. Moss and Miss F.C. Ridsdill Smith
The engagement is announced between Peter Moss, 18 Cloudesley Street, N1, son of Mr and Mrs Basil Moss, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Ridsdill Smith, of The Cottage, Marden.

Dr J.A.L. Nicholson and Miss K.J. Allen
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs John Nicholson, of Colcherne Court, Kensington, and Katy, daughter of Mrs M.L. Branson, of Sevenoaks, and of Mr A.K. Allen, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr J.H. Riddiough and Miss S.W. Duke
The engagement is announced between James Harry, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Christopher Riddiough, of Bingley, West Yorkshire, and Susan Wendy, only daughter of Mrs Sybil Duke and the late Mr John Duke, of St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

Mr P.J.P. Roberts and Miss L.A. Clayton
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Roberts, of Speen, Buckinghamshire, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Clayton, of Holyport, Berkshire.

Captain J.M. Robertson and Miss K.L. Hannah
The engagement is announced between Captain Jonathan Robertson, Royal Engineers, eldest son of Major and Mrs J.C. Robertson, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Katherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Hannah, of Bramcote, Nottingham.

Mr D.P. Rowe and Miss K.A. Inman
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Rowe, of Soldridge, Hampshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr D.C. Inman, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and of the late Mrs S.T. Inman.

The Very Rev Dr D. Shaw and Professor A.L. Dallapiccola
The engagement is announced between the Very Rev Dr Duncan Shaw, The Manse of Craigentinny, Edinburgh, and Anna Libera, The University of Heidelberg, only child of Dr Laura C. Dallapiccola, Florence, and the late Professor Luigi Dallapiccola.

Mr R.J. Tanner and Miss P.M. Hyde
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr John and Dr Mary Tanner, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hyde, of Easton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, 64; Mr Warren Beatty, actor, 54; Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, vice-chancellor, Supreme Court, 61; Miss Joyce Carey, actress, 93; Mr Eric Clapton, guitarist, 46; Mr J.F. Coates, naval architect, 69; Mr George Esson, chief constable, Dumfries and Galloway, 49; Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich, OM, former director, Warburg Institute, 82; Sir John Gray, marine biologist, 73; Mr Rolf Harris, entertainer, 61.

Mr J.S. Jennings, a managing-director, Royal Dutch/Shell Group, 54; Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman, Tesco, 54; Mr Brendan O'Friel, chairman, Prison Governors' Association and governor, Strangeways Prison, 50; Lord Rayner, 65; Mr Tom Sharpe, novelist, 63; the Rev David Staple, General Secretary of the Free Church Federal Council, 61; the Countess of Sutherland, 70; Lord Tanlaw, 57; General Sir Richard Trant, 63; Sir John Wells, former MP, 66.

TOMORROW: The Marquess of Ailesbury, 65; Professor Patrick Bateson, provost, King's College, Cambridge, 53; Mr Richard Chamberlain, actor, 56; Sir Robert Cockburn, former director, RAE Farnborough, 82; Mr John Fowles, writer, 65; Viscount Furness, 62; Mr John Kemp-Welch, joint senior partner, Cazenove and Company, 55; Sir Pat Lowry, former chairman, Acas, 71.

Sir Derek Pattinson, former secretary-general, General Synod of the Church of England, 61; the Right Rev John Roberts, former Abbot of Downside, 72; the Earl of Rosslyn, 33; Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock, gastro-enterologist, 73; Sir David Steel, MP, 53; Lord Trefgarne, 50; Professor Sir Frederick Warner, chemical engineer, 81; Mr Sidney Weighell, trades unionist, 69; the Earl of Westmorland, 67.

Memorial service

Mrs H. Pelham-Clinton
A memorial service for Mrs Hermione Pelham-Clinton was held at the Parish Church of Porlock, Somerset, on Saturday, March 16. The Rector, the Rev Cyril Munt, officiated.

The Hon Michael Tollemache, cousin, and Mr John Hubbard read the lessons and Mr Campbell Voullaire gave an address.

Among those present were Mr Jasper Hubbard and Mrs Hubbard (niece), Miss R Hubbard.

Diana Duchess of Newcastle, Mr and Mrs J. Underwood (representing Mrs Rose Lutterell), Mrs J Westmacott and Mrs M Wykeham-Fiennes.

Appointments

Mr Herbert Laming to be Chief Inspector of the Social Services Inspectorate at the Department of Health. Mr Laming, the Director of Social Services in Hertfordshire, will succeed Sir William Utting, who will be retiring in July.

Mr Albert Wheeler and Mr Kevan Hunt to be full-time board members of the British Coal Corporation.

Today's royal engagement

The Princess Royal will attend the Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Clubs' boat race at noon.

British Academy

The following have been awarded research readerships or senior research fellowships:

RESEARCH READERSHIPS
Professor J M Anderson, University of Edinburgh, a notional theory of syntactic categories; Professor J C Barrell, University of Sussex, the treason trials of 1794; Dr J L Bintliff, University of Durham, the Boeotia project, 1978-91: analyses of results and preparation of final publications; Dr R D Bowers, University of Cambridge, liturgical choirs in late medieval and Reformation England, 1240-1646; Dr A K Bowman, Christ Church, Oxford, edition of the Vindolanda writing tablets (British Academy-Major Field research readership); Mrs B J Coles, University of Exeter, water in the landscape: the human exploitation of wetlands and waterways in prehistoric Britain (British Academy-British Gas research readership in landscape archaeology);

Dr S D Keynes, University of Cambridge, the making of a kingdom: the growth of royal power in England 900-975 (British Academy-Wolfson research readership in history); Dr R J Ling, University of Manchester, publication of research in the *tunnels* of the Menander at Pompeii; Dr J A Marenbon, Trinity College, Cambridge, Peter Abelard: the context and coherence of his thought; Dr A J Smallwood, University of Nottingham, women's writing and the 18th-century London theatre; Mr J H Stallworthy, University of Oxford, a critical biography of Louis MacNeice.

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
Mr T R S Allan, University of Cambridge, law and leviathan: foundations of British constitutionalism; Professor B Barry, London School of Economics, *The Just Society*; third volume of a three-volume *Treatise on Social Justice*; Dr J N Butterfield, University of Cambridge, philosophy of advanced quantum theory; Dr M A Crowther, University of Glasgow, crime in Scotland, 1900-1939; Professor J A Davis, University of Warwick, Joachim Murat and Naples: the passing of the *ancien régime* in southern Italy; Miss J Hatrs, Goldsmiths' College, London, between myth and history: an anthropological analysis of concepts of time and change; Dr D W Rathbone, King's College London, computerised prosopography of Roman Egypt.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Maimonides, philosopher and physician, Cordoba, Spain, 1135; Francesco de Goya, painter, Fuendetodos, Spain, 1746; Charles Booth, shipowner and sociologist, Liverpool, 1840; Paul Verlaine, poet, Metz, France, 1844; Vincent van Gogh, painter, Zundert, Netherlands, 1853; Sean O'Casey, dramatist, Dublin, 1880.

DEATHS: Sébastien Le Prestre de Vauban, military engineer, Paris, 1707; William Hunter, obstetrician and medical writer, London, 1783; George (Beau) Brummell, man of fashion, Caen, France, 1840; Rudolph Steiner, scientist, founder of anthroposophy, Dornach, Switzerland, 1925; Léon Blum, premier of France 1936-37, Jouy-en-Josas, 1950; James Cagney, actor, 1986.

A terrorist bomb killed Airey Neave, MP in the House of Commons car park, 1979.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Rénе Descartes, philosopher, La Haye, France, 1596; Franz Joseph Haydn, composer, Rohrau, Austria, 1732; Edward Fitzgerald, translator of *Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*, Bredfield, Suffolk, 1809; Robert von Bunsen, chemist, Gottingen, Germany, 1811; Andrew Lang, writer, collector of folk tales, Selkirk, 1844.

DEATHS: John Donne, poet, dean of St Paul's 1621-31, London, 1631; John Constable, London, 1837; Charlotte Brontë, Haworth, Yorkshire, 1855; John Pierpont Morgan, financier, Rome, 1913; Emil von Behring, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1901; Marburg, Germany, 1917; Medardo Rosso, sculptor, Milan, 1928; Jesse Owens, athlete, Olympic Games champion (1936), 1980.

The abdication of Napoleon, 1814. The Eiffel Tower was inaugurated, 1889. The disestablishment of the Church in Wales, 1920.

OBITUARIES

LEE ATWATER

Lee Atwater, former chairman of the Republican party and manager of George Bush's presidential campaign of 1988, died yesterday of a brain tumour aged 40. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 27, 1951.



LEE Atwater was given the job of chairman of the Republican National Committee as his just reward for the unrelenting — some might have said deadly — campaign with which he ensured the election of George Bush to the presidency of the United States in 1988. Atwater was castigated in many quarters for his "pit bull politics", his manner of going for the jugular of a political opponent with any dirty weaponry that came to hand. But in truth he regarded political campaigning as a barely controlled form of ground fighting and he little cared what casualties were left in the wake of his Republican spearheads. It was entirely in character that his office walls should have been decorated with pictures of the Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, while a well-thumbed copy of Clausewitz's classic, *On War*, was a constant travelling companion.

He had been in politics from an early age. He learned his trade in his native South, serving an internship in Senator Strom Thurmond's office while still at the University of South Carolina, where he took degrees in history and communications (a thesis for one of his degrees was on "negative campaigning" — the politics of playing on an opponent's weaknesses). He worked among college students during the 1972 presidential campaign of Richard Nixon and by 1974 he had founded his own political consultancy. In 1978 he was political director in the campaign which saw Thurmond re-elected to the Senate for South Carolina.

The senatorial stage could not contain his undoubted flair and he expanded into presidential politics, becoming, in 1980, manager of Ronald Reagan's South Carolina primary campaign and in 1984 a senior national official in Mr Reagan's landslide re-election win over the Democrat Walter Mondale. Mr Bush had noticed him as early as 1974 and chose him as his campaign manager for his 1988 presidential bid. In the primaries Atwater routed the opposition in blitzkrieg style after a really disastrous start for Mr Bush in which he had finished only third in the Iowa caucuses in February. The position was retrieved with a win in the New Hampshire primary in the following week, but it was when the campaign shifted to south of the Mason-Dixon line that Atwater's flair and experience of the region showed. The "Southern Firewall" Atwater had constructed delivered the votes for Mr Bush and thereafter he was swept to the Republican nomination.

But the presidential campaign proper opened with Mr Bush badly trailing the Democrat candidate, Michael Dukakis, in the opinion polls. Atwater swung the negative politics thesis into action with a vengeance in a campaign which has become infamous. He focused attention through a relentless television advertising campaign on a black convicted murderer called Willie Horton, who had committed rape while on parole from a prison in Massachusetts, of which Dukakis was governor. The aim was to show Dukakis as a man who was "soft on crime". At one point in the campaign Atwater told a Republican audience "If I can make Willie Horton a household name we'll win the election." These brutal simplicities worked their effect on an American psyche which was sensitive about the country's appalling crime statistics and Mr Dukakis's lead began to evaporate.

After Mr Bush's election Atwater became chairman of the Republican party, a post which he occupied with unabated aggression. Democratic leaders were frequently moved to demand his resignation from Mr Bush in a sulphurous climate in Congress which saw a crude homosexual smear attempt on Mr Tom Foley, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Even Mr Bush was forced to intervene and confess himself "disgusted" and admonish his over-zealous party chairman.

In the event Atwater was not to enjoy his notorious tenure of the post for long. After a brain tumour was diagnosed and failed to respond to treatment Atwater stood down first as party spokesman and then as party chairman. From his sickbed he apologised to those he had calumniated, notably Mr Dukakis, deploring his own methods for their "naked cruelty".

Away from the political melée Atwater was a considerable blues guitarist and liked to play with leading musicians whenever he had the opportunity. On one occasion he recorded an album with B. B. King.

He leaves his widow, Sally, whom he met in Washington, and their three daughters.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL MICHEL GOURAUD

Lieutenant-General Michel Gouraud, who was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for his part in the "Generals' Putsch" against General de Gaulle in Algeria in April 1961, died in Versailles on March 20 aged 85. He was born in Paris on June 10, 1905.

MICHEL Gouraud, the son of a well-to-do doctor, was the scion of a renowned French military family — his uncle, the one-armed General Henri Gouraud, was one of the heroes of the first world war. Gouraud began his own, initially highly distinguished, career in the army after completing his studies at the military engineering academy the *École Polytechnique*.

Taken prisoner in the initial stages of the second world war, he escaped in 1940 and rejoined the French interior forces as a major in 1942, rising to the rank of lieutenant-colonel at the end of the war. He was awarded the *Croix de Guerre* for his war services and was later made Commander of the *Légion d'Honneur*. Promoted to lieutenant-general in 1959 at the age of 55, he was put in charge of the French forces in the Constantine area of Algeria in the midst of the Algerian Civil War the following year.

When generals Challe, Jouhaud, Salan, and Zeller mounted their "putsch" against what they regarded as de Gaulle's policy of "capitulation" in Algeria in April 1961, Gouraud suffered agonies of conscience, being as appalled by the idea of revolt as by the prospect of abandoning "French Algeria" to the Algerian insurgents. After wavering throughout the first two days of the revolt, he finally committed himself publicly to joining the rebellious generals on the evening of April 23 — too late to give much assistance, but in time to shatter a lifetime's career of honour and distinction.

The attempted coup collapsed within only four days, after conscripts in Algeria refused to join their mutinous officers and de Gaulle showed that he had national support for his Algerian policies. Two of the four leaders, Challe and Zeller, gave themselves up. Two others, Salan and Jouhaud, went on to lead the underground Secret Army Organisation (OAS) which tried several times to assassinate de Gaulle even after Algeria gained its independence in July 1962.

Judged *in absentia* by a military tribunal in Paris, Salan and Jouhaud were condemned to death, though this was later commuted to life imprisonment. Challe and Zeller were sentenced to 15 years imprisonment and Gouraud to seven years.

Gouraud was released in 1965 after being granted amnesty by de Gaulle. Three years later, at the height of the French student riots of May 1968, all other officers still serving sentences for offences committed during the Algerian civil war were likewise released.

After his release, Gouraud worked for four years as a consultant for an insurance group in Paris, before retiring at the age of 65 in 1970. In 1982, he benefited from the full pardon granted by President Mitterrand to all those involved in the Algerian uprising, being allowed to resume his title of lieutenant-general (retired) with all its associated rights and privileges.

In 1935, he married Charlotte de Bailliencourt de Courcol by whom he had seven children.

ALFREDO CAMPOLI

Alfredo Campoli, Italian-born British violinist, died on March 27 in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, at the age of 84. He was born in Rome on October 20, 1906.

ALFREDO Campoli was a musician who, like Eileen Joyce who died two days before him, divided his career between the serious and the popular repertory. A player of silvery tone, innate musicianship and technical virtuosity, he loved to play the works of Paganini and charming trifles, as much as he did the works of the classical repertory. But whatever he tackled, he never faltered in his gift of lyrical grace.

He received his musical education entirely from his father who was a violin professor at the Accademia di Santa Cecilia in Rome until the family moved to London when he was six. There he became a child prodigy, appearing in public at the age of 10. Before he was 13 he had already won a number of prizes, and in 1919 received the gold medal of the London Musical Festival for his account of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, which continued to be a favourite of his throughout his career and to which he brought a lightness of touch and warmth of tone exactly appropriate to its needs.

At 15 he was already touring the country giving what were then known as Celebrity Recitals, playing a wide variety of pieces. When the slump came in the 1930s he formed his own small orchestra, the Alfredo Campoli Salon Orchestra, to play light music in public and over the radio, an activity which brought him enormous popularity. However he kept his serious career going and was a regular soloist at the Proms.

At the outbreak of war he disbanded his orchestra and gave recitals to the troops in Britain and abroad. After the end of hostilities he resumed his concert career, playing the major concertos with leading orchestras as well as giving solo recitals all over the world. On one occasion an admiring Leningrad audience obliged him to play 11 encores before he was allowed to leave the platform. He also recorded several concertos, discs that have stood the test of time.

He made his US debut at the Carnegie Hall in 1953, and twice toured the USSR. In 1955 he gave the premiere of Bliss's Violin Concerto, which is dedicated to him and which he recorded. During the 1960s he formed a duo with the young pianist Valerie Tryon, and it proved a happy partnership.

In retirement he continued to live happily in his Highgate home, teaching and playing bridge. He played the Dragonetti Stradivarius of 1700, which he was always proud to show to visitors.

He married, in 1942, Joy Burbridge and is survived by her.



DR HAN LIH-WU

Sir Berkeley Gage writes:

HAVING enjoyed the friendship of Dr Han Lih-wu for 55 years I think the obituary (March 22) summarises well his achievements. I spent six of those years at the British embassy in China — in Peking, Nanking, finally Hankow and Chungking, the two temporary wartime capitals. All three ambassadors under whom I served had the highest regard for Dr Han as a sincere friend of Britain.

It was not until the nationalist government retreated to Taiwan in 1949 that the full influence of this remarkable Chinese scholar and political thinker could be brought to bear effectively on the educational, political and cultural life of this last bastion of China. There it was reflected as I found when I visited the island in 1974 in the high standard of education and government.

But for me an even greater monument to him was the National Palace Museum, packed with the marvellous art treasures he had rescued so courageously and adroitly from the mainland under the noses of the communists in 1949.

Easter fresco found at Forde

A FRESCO of the Crucifixion uncovered in the undercroft of the old dormitory at Forde Abbey, Chard, Somerset, is thought to have been painted by Cistercian monks in the fourteenth century.

It depicts Christ on the cross with the Virgin and St John standing in opposite positions to the those usually adopted in Crucifixion paintings.

A colony of about 20 Cistercians from Waverley, Surrey, settled in the abbey after leaving the Benedictine order. Now the building and its 2,000 acres is owned and lived in by Mr Mark Roper, a farmer, and his family.

Mr Roper says visitors to the abbey's gardens will be welcome to see the Crucifiction mural.

He said: "It really is very exciting. We discovered the fresco last summer when we were scraping off a layer of distemper prior to repainting the wall. But it has taken until now for the Courtauld Institute to bring out their report on it. And it had to be cleaned by experts."

Church news

Appointments

The Rev James E Hansen, Curate, Horncastle, St Andrew: to be Priest-in-charge, Chelmsford, St Andrew (Chelmsford).
The Rev John Hargreaves, Curate, St Thomas, Werneth, Oldham: to be Team Vicar, St Peter, Newbold Rochdale (Manchester).
The Rev Paul Hartley, Assistant Curate, St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe (Blackburn): to be Team Vicar, Guiseley with Esholt (Bradford).
The Rev Michael Hills, Assistant Curate, St Elizabeth, Reddish: to be Vicar, St Philip, Bolton (Manchester).
The Rev Andrew N James, Vicar, Hindley Green (Liverpool): to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Drybrook, Forest of Dean (Gloucester).
The Rev Marilyn W Jarrett, Senior Selection Secretary, Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry, Church House, Westminster: to be Vicar, Chesterfield St Mary and All Saints (Derby).

University news

Oxford

Elections

Oriel College

Sarah Anne Coakley (BA Cambridge; ThM Harvard; PhD Cambridge) has been elected to a tutorial fellowship in theology at Oriel College from October 1.

WOLFSON COLLEGE
To an Honorary Fellowship: Lord Wilberforce.

To Professorial Fellowship: Martin David Goodman MA, DPhil, Reader in Jewish Studies, Postgraduate Centre for Hebrew Studies (from October 1); To Ordinary Fellowships: Julie Alexandra Evelyn Curtis BA, DPhil, Lecturer in Russian (from 1 January, 1991); Christopher Mark Davis (BA Harvard, MBA George Washington, PhD Cambridge, Lecturer in Economics of the Soviet Union and East European Countries (from 1 October, 1991); Gerald Jones MA, DPhil, Lecturer in Computation (from 1 January, 1991); To Supernumerary Fellowships: Peter Iredale (PhD Bristol), Director AEA Technology (Harwell and Culham Laboratories), (1 February, 1991, for the duration of his directorship).

To Welfare Research Fellowships: Malcolm Glen Ball (MA London), (from 1 October, 1991); Richard David Dennis, MA, DPhil (from 18 March, 1991); John Mark Cornwall MA (BA, PhD Leeds), (from 1 October, 1991); Henry Robert Dauglish Heath, MA, DPhil (from 1 November, 1990); Benito Müller (Dip ETH Zurich) DPhil (from 1 October, 1991); To the Frank Green Fellowships: Jonathan Mark Webber (BA London) DPhil (from 1 October, 1990); To the Michael Coulson Research Fellowship: William John Johnsen, DPhil (BA Sussex), (from 1 April, 1991).

As Visiting Scholars: Geoffrey Richard Arnold (BSc Monash, PhD Adelaide), Senior Lecturer in Applied Physics, UTS (July to December, 1991); Per Olof Gunnar Asserlund (BSc Uppsala, PhD Lund), Royal Society/Swedish Royal Academy of Science Exchange Fellow (1 November, 1990 to 31 October, 1992); Ronald William Bethlehem (BCom, Witwatersrand, DCom, UNISA), Economics Consultant (October, 1991 to January, 1992); John Main Thompson Brotton (MA Aberdeen, PhD Exeter), Associate Professor in Psychology, University of Adelaide (July to September, 1991); Helen Margaret Cooper (BA London, MA CUNY, PhD Rutgers), Associate Professor of English, State University of New York at Stony Brook), (academic year 1990-91).

Constantinos J Dallas, DPhil (BA Ioannina), Documentation Curator, Benaki Museum, Athens (1 Trinity Term 1991); Jacob Q Ghazarian (DPhil Nebraska-Lincoln), Associate Professor of Biochemistry (Medical College of Wisconsin), (Trinity Term, 1991 to Hilary Term 1992); Moses Henry Gosnell-Gottstein (MA, PhD The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Professor of Semitic Linguistics and Biblical Philology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (30 June to 5 August, 1991); Thor Arthur Hansen (PhD Yale), Professor of Geology, Western Washington University (July, 1991 to June, 1992); Milton David Hatfield (BS, MD Illinois), Professor of Neurosurgery, University of South California), (1 May to 31 July, 1991); John Denham Jowell (MA Newcastle upon Tyne, PhD Liverpool), Lecturer in English, University of Waikato, New Zealand (July to November, 1991); Shiv S Kapur (MA Punjab), Past Vice-President, World Bank (Trinity Term 1991).

Allan Kitch (BSc Rochester, MEd Boston, JD Virginia), Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University (1 February to 30 June, 1991); Milan Labuda (PhD, DNatSci, Bratislava), 31 August, 1991); Michael Bruce Walker (BSc W Australia; BA Adelaide) DPhil, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, University of Sydney (1 July to 30 November, 1991); Shi Weng (BD Beijing), Stenaeus Fellow, from the Beijing Institute for Cancer Research, (1 April to 30 June, 1991); Kay Ruth Margaret Williamson (MA, PhD Yale), Professor of Linguistics and African Languages, University of Port Harcourt (academic year 1991-92).

Glasgow

Dr Foo Yew Liew, head of the department of experimental immunobiology, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Beckenham, has been appointed to the Gardiner chair of immunology at Glasgow.

Nottingham

Appointments to chairs:

Herman Bachelard, formerly Chairman, Division of Biochemistry, UMDS London University (Physics); Charles Foxon, Senior Principal Scientist, Philips Research Laboratories (Physics); John Pearce, Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Leicester University (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry).

Stirling

Dr Errol Alexander, formerly assistant project manager on the Apollo moon landing, has been appointed professor of business administration and academic director for Stirling's MBA programme.

Dr Laurence Copeland has been appointed to the Eric Ivory Chair of Finance.

Dr Pauline Weetman will join the university as professor of accounting and finance, from August 1. She is currently senior lecturer in accounting at Glasgow University, a post she has held for the past two years. Previously she was a senior lecturer in accounting at Aberdeen University for 10 years.

Lancaster

Personal chairs:

Dr John Clayton, Reader in the Department of Religious Studies, becomes Professor of Religious Studies.

Dr R. D. McKinlay, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Relations, becomes Professor of Politics and International Relations.



Dr Pauline Weetman, of Stirling University.

Head, Virus Ecology Department, Institute of Virology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Czechoslovakia (1 May, 1991 to 30 April, 1992); Wen-pin Li (PhD Taiwan), Professor and Chairman, Department of Western Languages and Literatures, National Chengchi University, Taiwan (academic year 1991-92); Juan Antonio López Fânez (Doctor en Filosofia Clasica, Madrid), Professor of Greek Philology, Universidad Nacional de Educación a distancia, Madrid (1 April to 31 July, 1991); Bryan Magee, MA, Honorary Fellow, King's College London, Fellow, Queen Mary College, University of London (academic years 1991-93); Kashyap Pujalal Menon (MA Calcutta), Indian Administrative Service, Visiting Fellow at Queen Elizabeth House (academic year 1990-91).

Charles Edward Vandervord Nixon (BA Melbourne, PhD Michigan, Dip Class Arch, Cambridge), Senior Lecturer in Ancient History, Macquarie University, New South Wales (28 January to 30 June, 1991); Stephen John Parker (LLB Newcastle, PhD Wales), Senior Lecturer in Law, Australian National University (August to December, 1991); Jayantha Perera (BA Cey, MA, DPhil Sussex), Ford Fellow, Refugee Studies Programme, Queen Elizabeth House (June, 1990 to June, 1991); Petr Pysek (RNDr Charles University, Prague), Soros Scholar (1 April to 30 September, 1991); Marc Lee Raphael (PhD UCLA), Nathan and Saul Rosenzweig Dumenick Professor of Judaic Studies, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia (Hilary and Trinity Terms 1991); Maryellyn M Rosenthal (BA Wayne State, MA, PhD Michigan), Professor and Director, Program in Health Policy Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn), (June to August, 1991).

Theodore Sacks (MB ChB Pretoria, Mmed Cape Town), Professor and Chairman, Department of Clinical Microbiology, Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem (1 October, 1991 to 30 June, 1992); Colin Arthur Shaw (BA, BSc Melbourne, PhD Monash), Assistant Professor in Physics, University of New England, Armidale (January to June, 1991); Neal Shover (BS Ohio, MA, PhD Illinois), Professor of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (20 January, to 5 April, 1991); Charles Frederick Thompson (PhD Indiana), Professor of Ecology, Department of Biological Sciences, Illinois State University (academic year 1991-92); David Vital, MA, DPhil, Goldman Professor of Diplomacy, Tel-Aviv University (1 July to

Move to protect ancient towns

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A REVIEW of England's historic towns is under way to identify archaeological potential and planning difficulties, English Heritage has announced. Preliminary results indicate that some 120 Roman towns existed, rising to only 160 in the early medieval period, but with an explosive development to 950 towns by the sixteenth century.

Current methods of dealing with ancient towns cannot provide a sufficient or adequate protection for the urban archaeological heritage, says Mr Bill Startin in English Heritage's *Conservation Bulletin*. "The answer must lie in a more dynamic approach involving the use of wider planning powers, but, above all, strategic forward planning".

The aim, he says, "must be to reduce to a minimum the uncertainty concerning the presence or absence of important archaeological remains", and to this end, English Heritage has drafted definitions of England's different urban types in order to identify various classes of town on the basis of age, status or function.

While each of our nationally important major historic towns will require its own strategy document, and ideally a separate plan would be developed for each of the 950 medieval or earlier towns so far identified, in practice priority must be given to the 80 or so large market towns and seaports, most of which developed from Roman or early medieval antecedents, Mr Startin says.

Immediate priority will be given to the 30-odd towns with "long chronological sequences, good survival, and obvious development pressure", he says. Work has already commenced on strategy plans for five of these: London, York, Chester, Cirencester, and Durham. Except in London, the projects are partnerships between English Heritage and the local planning authorities.

Each strategy document will include a survey of the survival of archaeological deposits and the provision of a background historical study against which this can be set, resulting in a statement on the future management of the archaeological resource. This will include a list of areas where preservation is warranted, and areas where further evaluation is needed.

The plan has been developed after realisation that, while standing monuments and historic buildings are usually protected by scheduling or listing, archaeological deposits are less effectively recognised within existing preservation strategies, Mr Startin says. This leads to absurd situations, such as that where the Roman town sites of Wroxeter and Silchester are scheduled monuments, but the Roman deposits underlying cities that remained prosperous, such as York and Lincoln, are not necessarily protected at all.

The paradox is that settlements which, because of their long history and success, are still burgeoning and have contributed to English history for perhaps 2,000 years, have much less protection than places which in some sense failed and fell into desuetude. Source: English Heritage's *Conservation Bulletin* 13.

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Three generations of the Hedger family (from left) Ian, Peter and Frederick, with the maze they laid.

Parham's amazing brick maze

By JOHN YOUNG

AN UNUSUAL and beautiful brick and turf maze will be officially opened tomorrow in the garden of Parham Park, near Pulborough, West Sussex, which has been named as the winner of the 1990 Garden of the Year award sponsored by Christie's and the Historic Houses Association.

The maze was designed by Adrian Fisher and Lesley Beck, of Minotaur Designs, of Hertfordshire, and was laid last winter by three generations of the local Hedger family. It is named after Mrs Veronica Tritton, who has lived in the house for most of her life; the design is based on the backcloth and coverlet of the Elizabethan bed in the house's great chamber, which is thought by some to be the work of Mary Queen of Scots.

The English Tourist Board has designated 1991 as the "year of the maze" to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the planting of Britain's best known example, at Hampton Court. For some curious reason mazes are enjoying a remarkable resurgence; there are now more than 100 in Britain, compared with only about 40 ten years ago.

Mr Fisher says that in those ten years his firm alone has designed 35, of which 22 are in Britain and others in Ireland, the United States, Japan and South Korea.

Man's fascination with mazes is an ancient phenomenon, as demonstrated by the legend of the Minotaur in Crete. The Scandinavians built boulder mazes along their coasts to trap the winds and ensure that fishermen were safe from storms. Medieval Christians built black and white mazes, notably in the great French cathedrals of Amiens and Chartres where pilgrims could do penance as an alternative to making the journey to Jerusalem.

Parham, one of the loveliest and most tranquil Elizabethan houses in Britain, is open to the public on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Bank Holidays 2-6pm.

Church services for Easter Day

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M, Responses (Piccolo), Vaughan Williams in C, Rise heart thy Lord is risen (Byrd); 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), Surgens Jesus (Phillips). The Dean: 3 E, The joyful Eastertide (Wood), Responses (Piccolo), Rise heart thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams); 6.30 Sermon & Compline. Rev C A Lewis.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 10 S Euch. This joyful Eastertide (trad). Stanford in C. The Archbishop; 11.30 M, Responses (Rose), Collegium Regale (Howells). The Dean: 4 E, Stanford in A. Rise heart thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams).

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8, 9 HC: 10.30 M, Responses (Rise). Collegium Regale (Howells). Very Rev E Evans; 11.30 HC & Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart). Haec Dies (Byrd). Bishop of London: 3.15 E & Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Stanford in A. Moses and the Children of Israel (Handel). This joyful Eastertide (arr Wood). Rev C Hill: 5 ES, Rev M Seward.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M: 10.30 Abbey Euch. Brian Kelly Mass, Dum transisset sabbatum (Tavener), The Dean: 3 E & Procession. Responses (Rose). St Paul's Service (Howells, Wood). Lamb (Handel). Rev D Conner; 5.45 Organ Recital. Miss Quick: 6.30 ES. Canon P Bates.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis in D (Mozart). Haec Dies (Byrd), Christ being raised from the dead (Moore), Bishop of Southwark: 3 E & Confirmation. Haec Dies (Byrd). Rise heart thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams). Collegium Regale (Howells). The Provost.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9 Mass: 10 MP: 10 SM, Mass in C (Beethoven), Christus resurgens (Philips), Toccata from Symphonie V (Widor). Cardinal Hume: 3.15 E, 6.30, 7 Mass: 2.30 Organ Recital, Iain Simcock: 3.30 V & B. Magnificat primi toni (Lassus), Haec Dies (Byrd). Salisbertide from Cantiones Sacrae.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's Service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Spatzen Mass (Mozart), Hallelujah Chorus (Handel). Fr A Barnes.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: Divine Liturgy: 9.30 M: 11 Divine Liturgy: 6.30 M of Monday of Holy Week.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: Orthodox Palm Sunday. 10.30 Divine Liturgy: 6.30 M of Monday of Holy Week.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W1: Orthodox Palm Sunday. 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 8 Euch 11.15, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart). Canon A D Caesar.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY: W2C: 8 HC; 11 S Euch. Darke in F. The Chaplain.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich. SE10: 10.30 S Euch, Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem (Stanford). The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 HC, Haec Dies (Byrd), Schubert in G, I know that my redeemer lives (J M Bach). Rev J Harkness. The Life Guards.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Gibbons & Barnard), Te Deum in C (Stanford), Hear my prayer (Vaughan Williams). Rev R D Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP & HC, Jesus Christ is risen today (Thomas), Responses (Rose). Stanford in C. Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Mass for two voices (Byrd), Haec Dies (Byrd). Rev W J D Senr.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30, 12.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Tomkins), Stanford in C, Haec Dies (Byrd): 3.30 E, Stanford (Aylesward). This joyful Eastertide (arr Harris). Blair in B minor, Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Canon P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Surgens Jesus (Phillips). The Vicar: 6 E & B, Bairstow in D, Alleluya Christe is now risen agayne (Vaughan Williams). Rev P MacGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Communion, Preb R Brown: 6.30 Rev Dr J Stott.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Regina coeli (Mozart). Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30, Family Service & HC. Rev J A K Miller: 6.30 Informal Service, Mr J Jennings.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC: 11 HC, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC: 11 S Euch. Rev K Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM: 11 Procession & HM, Caroline Mass (Langlais). Rev P Baker: 3 E & B: 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC: 10.15 Children's Service: 11 Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Haec Dies (Palestrina): 6.30 E, Fourth Service (Batten). Haec Dies (Arcadelt).

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.45 Dawn Liturgy, followed by egg rolling in Fleet Street: 11 Family Service & Communion in B minor (Jackson in G, Haec Dies (Byrd), Canon J Oates: 6.30 E, Blair in B minor, Awake thou that sleepest (Bach), O ages and daughters (Walford Davies), Hallelujah Chorus (Handel). Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Ireland in C, This joyful Eastertide (Harris). Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch renewal of Baptismal Vows.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Whitlock in G, Te Deum in C (Stanford). The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12, 7.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev C C Taylor: 6.30 EP, Rev P Faunch.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 10.30 Family Communion, Preb M Sinker: 6.30 Taizé Prayer.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Euch, Christ rising in Todesnaden (Bach), Rev D Reeves: 5.45 Sung Evensong.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC, 10.30 Easter Ceremonies & S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Hallelujah (Handel), The Vicar: 5 E, Stanford in B flat, Blessed be God and Father (Wesley). Rev G Bankes.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 Easter Vigil followed by breakfast: 10 Parish Euch with Children's Address, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). The Master.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 LM; 11 SM, Fr G Bright: 6 V & B.

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassall Rd, SW9: 8 LM; 10 HM, Mass in F (Darke), This joyful Eastertide (trad Dunstable). The Vicar.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Alleluya Christe is now risen agayne (Vaughan Williams). The Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Vaughan Williams in G, Dum transiret (Tavener), Rex Gloriae, V Wilcox: 6.30 E, Crucifixus (Gibbons), Fairs is the heaven (Harris). Rev N Vigers.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Parish Communion: 11 S Euch, Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn), Hallelujah (Handel). Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Alleluia I heard a voice (Weelkes), Haec Dies (Byrd). The Rector.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), This joyful Eastertide (Wood), The Vicar: 11.30, Hour to Liturgy Service, Rev C Pridmore: 2.45 Chinese Service (HC), Rev G Lee: 5 E, Responses (Tomkins), Nunc in pace, This joyful Eastertide (Wood): 6.30 Special Easter Celebration, Rev M Hestwood.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, The Vicar: 11.15 M, Tim Vicar: 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM: 11 HM, Communion Service, Collegium Regale (Howells), Fr N Kavanagh: 6.15 E & B, Evening Canticles Collegium Regale (Howells), Te Deum (Stanford), Regina coeli (Lacombe), The Rector.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Euch, This joyful Eastertide (Wood), Missa Brevis (Leoncavallo), Rise heart thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams), Rev J Chater: 6.30 E, Rev I Brown.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand, WC2: 11 Sung Communion with blessing of New Fire.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 HC, Rev D C L Prior: 7 HC, Rev N Taylor.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Euch, Darke in E, Haec Dies (Sheppard).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Communion Service in B flat (Stanford), This is the day (Monk), Regina Coeli (Gariano), Rev C Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass: 11 SM, Missa Pappe Marcelli (Palestrina), Haec Dies (Byrd), Fr D Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parish Communion, Darke in A, Haec Dies (Byrd), I got me flowers (Vaughan Williams), Rev D James: 6.30 E, Responses (Smith), Stanford in G, Alleluia Psallat (Mathias), Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Haydn), Hallelujah Chorus (Handel), Missa Brevis (Guerrero), Fr A Stoddart: 6 E & B, Fr C Colven.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, Missa in honorem Reginae Pacis (Perosi), Christe Resurgenti (Couperin), The Rector.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 HC, Rev J McIndoe: 6.30 Easter Lessons & Carols.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Crown Court, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Easter Celebration of HC; 6.30 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Sicut cervus (Palestrina).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, NW8: 10 Euch: 10.45, Mass (Mozart), Haec Dies (Palestrina), 12.30, 6.30, 3.30 V & B, Surgens Jesus (Phillips).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Kronungsmesse (Mozart), Christus resurrexit hodie (Bach), Christ lag in todesnden (Bach).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 Mass, Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Lassus), Expectabo (Vladana), Finita iam sunt Proelia (Murray), 12.15, 6.30.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 HC; 11.15 Sol of the Resurrection: 5 V & B.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Abbott.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 Rev E Waugh.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 6.30 Rev P Mare: 11 Rev D Hilborn: 6.30 Rev P Mare.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11 Floyd McClung: 2.30, New Children's Church, Mission 2000, Floyd McClung: 9 Late on Sunday, Vic Van Den Bergh.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 Rev P Loveitt.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian-Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Communion, Rev Dr R Reccos.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11, 3 (Music), 6.30.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC, Rev R T Esquivel: 7 V, Church Music for Easter Day (Hammond), Rev B Mateos.

ST JOHN'S, WOOD URC, NW8: 11 Rev Dr D T Jenkins.

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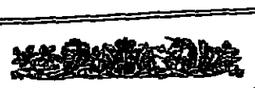
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ON THIS DAY

MARCH 30 — 1804



Arthur Wellesley (created Duke of Wellington in 1814) at the time of this crucial battle in the Mahratta war commanded a force of about 7,000 men, opposed by one of over 40,000. Both sides suffered severe losses; Wellesley himself was nearly a casualty for twice his horses were killed under him.

MAHRATTA WAR

"SIR,

"I attacked the united armies of DOWLUT ROW SCINDIA, and the Rajah of BERAR, with my division, on the 23d, and the result of the action which ensued was, that they were completely defeated, with the loss of ninety pieces of cannon, which I have taken. I have suffered a great loss of Officers and men.

"I enclose a copy of my letter to the Governor-General, in which I have given him a detailed account of the events which led to and occurred in the action.

"I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) "ARTHUR WELLESLEY."

"MY LORD,

..."On the 23d I arrived at Naulaiah, and there received a report that SCINDIA, and the Rajah of BERAR, had moved off in the morning with their cavalry, and that the infantry were about to follow, but were still in camp, at the distance of about six miles from the ground on which I intended to encamp. It was obvious that the attack was no longer to be delayed, and having provided for the security of my baggage and stores at Naulaiah, I marched on to attack the enemy.

"I found the whole combined army of SCINDIA, and the Rajah of BERAR, encamped on the bank of the Kistna River, nearly on the ground which I had been informed that they occupied. Their right, which consisted entirely of cavalry, was about Bokerdun, and extended to their corps of infantry, which were encamped in the neighbourhood of Assye. Although I came first in front of their right, I determined to attack their left, as the defeat of their corps of infantry was most likely to be effectual; accordingly, I marched round to their left [illegible] covering the march of the column of infantry by the British cavalry on the rear, and by the Mahratta and Mysore cavalry on the right flank...

"The picquets of the infantry, and the 74th regiment, which were on the right of the first and second lines, suffered particularly from the fire of the guns on the left of the enemy's position near Assye. The enemy's cavalry also made an attempt to charge the 74th regiment, at the moment when they were most exposed to this fire; but they were cut up by the British cavalry, which moved on at that moment.

At length the enemy's line gave way in all directions, and the British cavalry cut in among their broken infantry, but some of their corps went off in good order, and a fire was kept up on our troops from many of the guns from which the enemy had been first driven, by individuals who had been passed by the line, under the supposition that they were dead.

"Lieut. Colonel MAXWELL, with the British cavalry, charged a large body of infantry, which had retired, and was formed again, in which operation he was killed; and some time elapsed before we could put an end to the straggling fire which was kept up by individuals from the guns, from which the enemy were driven. The enemy's cavalry also, which had been hovering round us throughout the action, was still near us; at length when the last formed body of infantry gave way, the whole went off, and left in our hands 90 pieces of cannon. This victory, which was certainly complete, has however cost us dear....

"I cannot write in too strong terms of the conduct of the troops; they advanced in the best order, and with the greatest steadiness under a most destructive fire, against a body of infantry far superior in numbers, who appeared determined to contend with them to the last, and who were driven from their guns only by the bayonet; and notwithstanding the numbers of the enemy's cavalry, and the repeated demonstrations they made of an intention to charge, they were kept at a distance by this infantry....

"The enemy are gone all towards the Adjunty Ghaut; and I propose to follow them as soon as I can place my captured guns and the wounded in security. I have, &c.

"A. WELLESLEY, M.G."

The army officer who was standing there in front of the Cross show Jesus had died. "This man was really the Son of God" he said. St. Mark 15 : 39 G.N.B.

BIRTHS

ALFORD - On March 28th to Rebecca and David, a son, Richard Graham.

BROOKE - see Nixon.

CHILCOTT - On March 26 1991, at Kings College Hospital, to Jane (nee Bromage) and Dominick, a son William Douglas, a brother for Charlotte and George.

FISKEN - On Sunday March 3rd 1991, at the Al Zahara Hospital, Sharjah, UAE, to Sally (née Kennedy) and Alex, a son, Ruaridh Patrick Alexander.

HIGGINS - On March 15th, to Margaret (née Gilks) and Andrew, a son, James Patrick, a brother for Peter.

MASON - On March 20th, to Susan (née Wickham) and Ian, a daughter, Emma Alice.

NIXON - On March 21st, to Virginia and Graham, a daughter, Angela Sophie, at St Luke's Hospital Guildford.

SMYTHE - On March 28th, at Perth Royal Infirmary, to Moyra and David, a daughter, Harriet Emily Elizabeth.

ANNIVERSARIES

DEAREST Jamie, 10 years of marriage so far. It's been great, here's to the next 10 and more years. Thanks for your love and friendship. love Sara.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

DOUGLAS-HOWELL - On March 31st 1951, at St Cecilia's, Tranbrook, Liverpool, Henry Russell Douglas to Elizabeth Mary Nowell. Now at 31 Austen Road, Guildford.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CLEAVE-BEVAN - On March 30th 1941 at Torquay. (Now at Spurnwalls). With congratulations and love from Diana, Jessamy and David.

DEATHS

ALLDAY - On March 26th, peacefully after a brief illness, Jenny (née Carter previously Dale-Harris). Much loved mother of Nick, Paul and Adam and grandmother of Lucy, Polly and Chloe. A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye, on Friday April 5th at 2.30 pm.

DIXON — On March 28th peacefully in hospital, Hugh, beloved husband of Kathleen and much loved father and grandfather. Head of science, St Lawrence College, Ramsgate 1946-77. Cremation at Margate Crematorium 12.30pm Thursday, April 4. No flowers by request. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund if desired.

GAUTE - On March 27th, peacefully, Joseph Hatchell Hogarth Gaute, loved and devoted husband of Frances and father of Catherine and the late Philip. Funeral private. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Animal Shelter.

HAMEEN - On March 28th, Bob, suddenly at his home in Klosters. Husband of Helen and father to Bob, Karen, George and Keith. Funeral in Klosters.

LIGHTHILL - On March 26th, after a short illness, peacefully, Morris. Sadly missed by wife Essie and son Brian.

MACKINNON - On March 28th 1991, peacefully in Watlington Hospital after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity, Neil Alexander, aged 84. Much loved husband of Rachel and father of Peter, John and Fiona. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor, on Friday April 5th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Friends of Watlington Hospital, Watlington, Oxfordshire or Berkshire branch, British Red Cross.

POTTLE - On March 27th 1991, peacefully at home, Lt. Col. William Franklin Herbert (I.A. Ret'd), loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private. Family flowers only.

RISK — Very suddenly in his sleep at home on March 28th, 1991. Michael, much loved husband of Fenn and loving father of James, second son of Sir Thomas and Lady Risk. Service on Tuesday, April 2 at Ceres Parish Church. Fife for 2.30pm and thereafter to Ceres cemetery for 3pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

STAMP - On March 26th, Rev. Campbell Stamp, of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, dearly loved husband of Pat, much loved father of Christine, Philippa and Angela and a dear grandfather. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Jesmond, on Tuesday April 2nd at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Coronary Care Unit, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle.

TITARD - On March 15th, 1991, in Paris, Pierre, beloved husband of Anne (née Mitchell) and dearly loved father of Isabelle. A tribute has been paid to him at St. Peter's Church, Chantilly.

UNWIN - On March 28th, peacefully at Newcote, Bristol, Peter Charles, aged 91. Loved father of Ruth and David. Funeral enquiries to R. Davies & Son, 361 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 8TN, tel: (0272) 424039.

YANDELL - On Monday March 25th 1991, suddenly at his home in Jersey, Basil A.C., Advocate of the Royal Court. Funeral Service will be held at St Brelade's Parish Church, Jersey, on Thursday April 4th at 3 pm, followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please, but donations in his memory may be sent to The British Heart Foundation (Jersey Appeal), c/o Mrs Margaret Roberts, Les Chasses, La Rue Des Chasses, St. John, Jersey, Pitcher & Le Quesne Ltd., 59 Kensington Place, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. tel: (0534) 33330.

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HAIG - Ron, on 31st March 1964. Always in our loving thoughts. Beryl, Deb & Nick.

HARDY - On March 30th 1988, Michael Freye, much loved and greatly missed today and every day by Jan and Alison.

LOCK - Adam Timothy Southwick, March 19th 1958 - March 31st 1989. "But trust that those we call the dead Are breathers of an ampler day For ever nobler ends."

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The snapper-up of considerable trifles

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Treve Rosoman, the curator of English Heritage's architectural study collection, often receives strange gifts. The latest, laid like a foundling child on the doorstep of his office, came in a Marks & Spencer carrier bag. It was a foot-long piece of old, moulded pine covered in green, flaking paint. "A nice solid piece of 1760 dado rail from London's East End," he says. "It fits in well with the many varieties of dado rail in our collection."

There are more than 2,000 objects of architectural decoration and technical detail in Mr Rosoman's care, from an entire chimney piece complete with grates to a 2in scrap of wallpaper. There are 8ft-high carved doorcases, roof trusses, brass doorknobs, masonry nails, balusters, cornices, architraves, fine plaster ceiling roses and tatty old staircarpet.

The collection is priceless. "The intrinsic worth of a couple of square feet of wallpaper or a foot of dado rail is negligible, but their historical and architectural importance is immense. You can't put a price on this sort of thing," Mr Rosoman says. One can put a price on a room's worth of carving, panelling or moulding, as the victims of architectural thieving know only too well. "It is vandalism of the worst sort, which angers me deeply," he says. "A chimney piece carved with musical instruments may be all that's left to tell us this was once a music room. In stealing it, the thieves are stealing the social history of the building as well."

The importance of the architectural study collection lies in this marriage of architectural and social history. Most of its pieces come from London houses which, unlike country houses, were continuously occupied and constantly remodelled. The houses in Grosvenor Square, for example, were owned in their heyday by "upholders", a version of today's interior decorators. They were the supermen of 18th century interiors: not only did they curtain, paper, upholster, gild and carve out an interior in which the rest of London society was received, they would design, make, transport and erect the furniture as well. They rented their houses out for "the season", after which they were redecorated in the latest style.

Like a *chef de cuisine* of conservation, Mr Rosoman served up a "lasagne of 18 papers" peeled from the wall of a Georgian house in Maddox Street, W1, and which, layer upon layer, spanned over a century of fashion-changing attention. It started with a hand-blocked broad Regency stripe, progressed through various floral and grand, crested papers until an astonishing geometric pattern appeared around 1850 which could easily pass as 1950.

The house must have changed owners in the 1880s: how else to explain the shift in machine-printed papers from restrained sprays of roses and lilies to a foil paper of rococo leaves of a bilious yellow against an arsenic-green background. "One can tell how true their colours are because paper was overlapped then, not butt-jointed."

> *'Their intrinsic worth is negligible, their importance is immense'*

When Mr Rosoman climbed the scaffolding in a house undergoing renovation in St Georges Street, W1, recently, it was to retrieve a complete section of plaster cornice of 1820 for his collection. "We have 1720s, 1740s, 1790s etc, but an 1820 section, made up of pre-cast plates with acanthus leaves and balls, we didn't have."

From the cross section of a plaster cornice of 1725, consisting of acanthus leaf modillions alternating with rosettes, one can see exactly how it was made. The rough side is a three-quarter-inch layer of thick plaster, hairy with ox hair and gritty with road sweepings. It is built up with a fine layer of plaster and finally the moulding itself, on to which the actual modillions, cast in a studio then finished by hand, are nailed and plastered. "It is not uncommon to find this exquisite workmanship covered by 30 or 40 layers of paint," Mr Rosoman says.

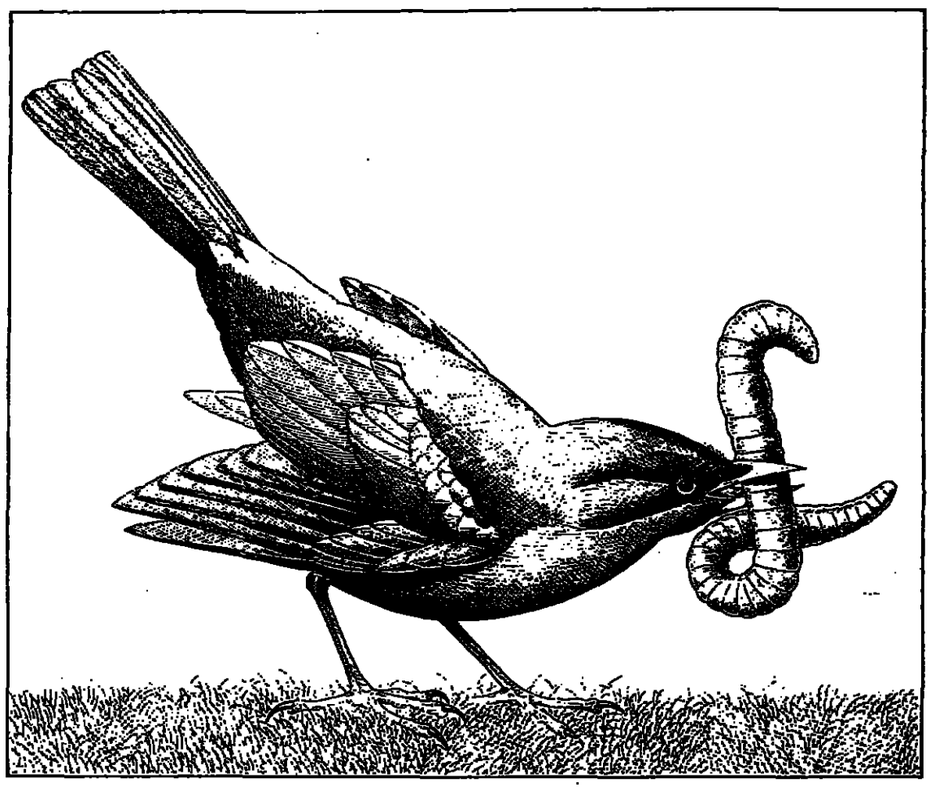
The architectural study collection was begun at least as early as 1903, when the rebuilding of the Aldwych and the Strand was taking place, and some far-sighted minds from the London County Council realised that excellent architectural detail was being destroyed. Eight years ago Mr Rosoman, originally a furniture historian, was called in to catalogue the collection. He ended up becoming its curator when the Greater London Council disbanded and the collection became the property of English Heritage.

Mr Rosoman, who works within a budget of £7,500, never buys pieces: they are all gifts, which often need to be physically dismantled by himself. He has set up a computer database of the collection and has almost finished the hard catalogue, which will run to ten volumes, each 6in thick.

Few people know of the existence of the architectural study collection, which is held in a government store in west London. It is never advertised, or available for public viewing. And, despite its title, no link exists between the collection and the various schools of architecture.

The good news is that English Heritage is hoping to establish a permanent home for the GLC part of the collection in London and to launch an appeal within the next 12 months.

The bad news, says Julius Bryant, the head of the museums division, is that "as things stand, it couldn't afford to open the collection permanently; viewing would have to be by appointment only".



Easter events



Power in miniature: the attraction of model railways endures

☐ **Maritime festival:** Three-day celebration in the Maritime Museum and quayside taverns, with plays, guided walks, illustrated talks, puppet shows, competitions and sea shanties. *Maritime Museum, Lancaster. Today, tomorrow, Mon. 12 noon-5pm.*

☐ **Model Railway Society open day:** See in action possibly the largest model of its kind in the country, occupying 2,500 sq ft, with 70 locomotives and more than 400 items of rolling stock. *Gainsborough Model Railway, Old Trinity School, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. Today, tomorrow 1.30pm-5.30pm, Mon 10.30am-5.30pm; £1, child 50p.*

☐ **Holiday time at the royal palaces:** Today, a masque dance demonstration and workshop at the banqueting house, Whitehall, 11am and 2pm. Tomorrow, a similar event of the Baroque period at Kensington Palace state apartments, 2.30pm and 4pm. Monday, egg hunts morning and afternoon at Hampton Court; also, a Tudor Patterns trail on Wednesday and Thursday at 10.30am and 2pm. At Kew on Monday, egg hunts at 11am and 2pm. All events 50p plus normal admission charges.

☐ **East Anglian fun:** Lambs, chicks and rabbits on view, and craft demonstrations, including basket and decoy duck making. On Monday, egg painting and other family activities. *Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, Suffolk (0449 612229). Tomorrow, Mon, 10am-5pm; £2.75, child five-15 £1.50, under fives free.*

☐ **Easter antiques fair:** Forty exhibitors. Easter lunches at the Spread Eagle Hotel, made famous by the eccentric innkeeper John Fothergill. *Town Hall and Spread Eagle Hotel, Thame, Oxfordshire (0844 213661). Today 10am-5pm.*

☐ **Flyball — the American way:** How flyball is taught in America and Canada. Also, dog-handling competitions and videos. *The Olympiad, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire. Tomorrow 10am-5pm; £5.*

☐ **Easter craft festival:** More than 70 craftsmen and women selling and demonstrating. Children's entertainment, including puppets and marionettes. *County Ground, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Tomorrow, Mon, 10am-5pm.*

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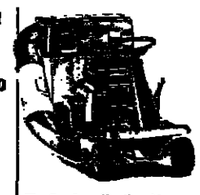
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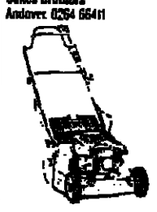
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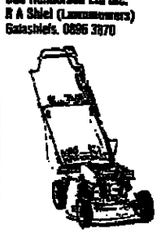


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Saved by the art market slump

Now that 'the Spink' is in charge of Spink & Son, the old family firm has found a new lease of life. Sarah Jane Checkland reports

One of the best kept secrets of the art market is Spink & Son of St James's, which started as a pawnbroker in 1666. Its stock ranges from oriental sculpture to English watercolours, 17th century mittens to coins, and it has an international medal-making business and furniture restoration service. Clients include Mick Jagger, Yoko Ono and Sir Alec Guinness.

Last summer, Spink was deluged with enquiries from prospective buyers when Andrew Weir, the insurance and shipping company which has owned the firm since the Spink family sold out in 1978, decided to sell. Led by Anthony "the Spink" Spink, the only surviving member of the family working there, the staff attempted a management buy-out but could not raise the necessary £25 million. Then came the art market slump, and Andrew Weir abandoned its plan to sell. Now Spink has been given a new lease of life, and "the Spink" has been elevated to chairman by Lord Runciman, the academic and businessman who is Andrew Weir's new chief. The traditions of old-fashioned courtesy, which include obtaining Wimbledon tickets for clients, are safe.

At the imposing entrance in King Street stands *Bill Manuel, the doorman, whose campaign medals* caused Field Marshal Lord Bramall, the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, to ask: "Why have you got more medals than I?" Inside, the atmosphere of decayed gentility and clutter contrasts nicely with the façade.

COINS

PERHAPS the best-known department is coins, because Spink has published the *Numismatic Circular* since 1893. It resembles an old counting house, full of men sinking arms into coin trays. The department head, Patrick Finn, keeps an eye on his stock by means of three closed-circuit cameras. He says he has known formidable sleight of hand in the old days, such as flicking coins up sleeves and down trouser legs.

Immortalised by his staff in a photographic collage of a coin containing an image of his face, and catalogued "Short cross mule; uncertain ruler . . . grotesque face with large annulets for eyes . . . £9.55", he says he would not like to start his 25-year career at Spink all over again, because he was *happier when coin fanatics were* country parsons, or "people who had hobbies".

The boom of the Seventies was "exhilarating", he says, but the investment impulse of today is wearying, as is the "utilitarian" character of modern coins. He cites a late Saxon penny which would have sold "for a couple of pounds" in the Sixties and is now worth £150, and a five-guinea piece, up from £100 to £2,000.

BANKNOTES

IN AN adjacent booth, Barnaby Faull is contentedly counting his paper money. The head of banknotes, he is pleased with the stack of black and white 1931 £20 notes recently given to a British businessman in Lithuania, and expects to sell them for six times their face value. Another consignment, of musty second world war banknotes presented by a London hairdresser in a carrier bag, is a less attractive proposition. "Apart from anything else, the notes stink," he says. "Most will go back to the bank." Owners of old *banknotes can recoup their face* value, but often he can pay more.

Ten years ago, English provincial £5 notes from the Colchester and Essex Bank would have cost £20 to £30. Now they are worth £500 to £600.

Mr Faull says his main problem is lack of stock. What do turn up, all too regularly, are fake British banknotes made by Jewish concentration camp prisoners for the Nazis. Whereas the printing and serial numbers are convincing, the Germans fell down on correcting some of the bank's deliberate mistakes in the design, and in paper quality – the real notes were made from low grade cotton waste pulp soaked in river water from Hampshire. Although it is illegal to own fake banknotes, Mr Faull does have collectors. "I sell the notes for face value," he says.

TEXTILES & FASHION

FRANCESCA Galloway spends a third of her time travelling with five suitcases full of haute couture dresses. The prospect is not as glamorous as it seems, however. She simply finds this is the best way to peddle her wares to her dozens of museum and collecting clients around the world.

She started at Spinks as a secretary in the Indian department in the late Seventies and gradually worked her way into the three departments she now controls.

With Indian miniatures, an exclusive field, short of stock and entailing only ten to 20 collectors, she feels no need to seek publicity, and so this department remains less known. Elsewhere she has had *much success in seeking fields* which are undervalued, the first being European textiles.

Discoveries include part of the cope used to cover the corpse of a 13th century Spanish saint, Valerio. Bought for a few hundred pounds and sold for many thousands, it was a "sleeper" (or unidentified lot) at a Sotheby's sale of treasures from the collection of the Countess de Behague.

Her latest enterprise, following a successful exhibition last year, is launching into costumes. "It is tremendously hard work because you have to check that the garment has not been altered, otherwise it has to be returned to its original state," she says, comparing the exercise with the restoration of an Old Master painting.

A 1937 robe and cape by Paquin, bought in a job lot, cost virtually nothing to buy but £1,000 to restore.

ORIENTAL

THE oriental department is run by Roger Keverne, a Yorkshire-born self-styled resident dandy, and ranges from his jam-packed office, with its miniature ten-pin bowling game on the desk, to a snug drawing room fitted with a brown velour suite where clients, who have included Queen Mary, are plied with tea and confidences, often nowadays by Jacqueline Simcox, the Chinese textiles expert.

He admits that business has dropped 20 to 30 per cent, but says sales for February were up again.

His biggest problems are over provenance, particularly with Southeast Asian works, which are on occasion claimed by their original countries. "There tends to be a lot of political posturing in that area," he says.

SILVER

TITUS Kendall, the head of silver, started as a porter in 1977, *"cleaning silver and making tea"*. He believes his subject "represents the high point of taste of any particular period, the people buying being very rich". It is also, he says, "unbreakable and dishwasher proof", although he concedes that the salt in the latter can leave black marks.

Because of prohibitive insurance costs (silver is the burglar's favourite metal), and the chore of polishing, clients can be thin on the ground, except for outstanding pieces.

The top end of the market has been doing well, the record rising to £1.2 million at Christie's for the Sicilian table centrepiece by Paul de Lamerie, but prices for routine *domestic silver have not moved* for 20 years.

BRITISH PAINTING

THE British painting department, run by "the Spink", represents the utterly English side to the firm, with stock ranging from landscape watercolours by the likes of Girtin to Edwardian paintings of women with parasols. Mr Spink's job as chairman, however, takes him on to more challenging pastures – for example, trying to persuade Lord Runciman to back new investment projects. Accompanying the cleaning woman on her rounds, and running his finger along the surfaces in his colleagues' chaotic dens to check for dust, Mr Spink confesses that a spot of interior decoration might not come amiss.

TED BATH



From top: Patrick Finn (coins), Jacqueline Simcox (Chinese textiles), Barnaby Faull (banknotes), Roger Keverne (oriental), Titus Kendall (silver), Anthony Spink (chairman) and Francesca Galloway (textiles)

Raise your glass

Review

☐ **Clear winner:** An "Amen" glass, once used to toast the exiled Stuarts, and kept hidden away by the Scottish Spottiswoode family since the Jacobite rebellion, raised the record for Jacobean glass from around £26,000 to £66,000 at Sotheby's in London. One of only 40 known to exist, it was bought *by the Fine Art Society for the* Drambuie collection.

☐ **Transfer fee:** A single cigarette card fetched $451,000 (£251,000) at Sotheby's New York, breaking the record for any sports memorabilia. It was bought by Wayne Gretzky, a member of the LA Kings ice hockey club, and Bruce McNall, the club's owner.

☐ **Stamp up:** A Japanese buyer paid a world record SF3.4 million (£1.35 million) for a stamp: a famous May 2, 1840, Great Britain One Penny Black at Harmers in Switzerland.

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☐ **Monday:** Paintings, porcelain, swords and furniture, including a William and Mary walnut armchair and several musical boxes, jostle with such cars as a Lagonda, a Porsche and a Ferrari in Wilkinson & Beighton's large general sale near Rotherham, from noon.

☐ **Tuesday:** Bearne's of Torquay offers works of art, ceramics and furniture, from 9.30am.

☐ **Wednesday:** Six coloured etchings which make up a panorama of London from Blackfriars, produced by the father and son team of Robert and Henry Barker in 1792-3 (up to £5,000), are the highlights of the print sale at Christie's, South Kensington, 2pm.

☐ **Wednesday, Thursday:** About 1,000 lots ranging from Sung porcelain to Welsh county maps, and an 18th century Gossage patent watch alarm, at Russell Baldwyn & Bright of Leominster, 10am each day.

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Return of funny familiar feelings

Lynne Truss renounces *Twin Peaks*, and focuses on Tom Jones's larynx in *Omnibus*; *The Late Show*; and a period of inhumanity during Passion Week



On Tuesday March 26, at 9pm, I formally renounced Twin Peaks. It was a simple ceremony, and one that I fancy I shared with many other more-in-sorrow-than-anger ex-Peakies around the country. I drank several cups of black coffee, ate some doughnuts out of a cardboard box, and then danced dreamily around the living-room while a finished Glenn Miller record revolved on the turntable, making an eerily amplified "ker- shick, ker-shick" noise, as the stylus wavered in the final groove. It was very moving, actually. Very real.

Finally, after 50 minutes of this, I checked with BBC 2 to make sure the end-credits were rolling, and then threw open the windows to the stormy night, and said slowly into a voice-activated tape-recorder, "The owls may not be what they seem." (A flash of angry white lightning struck the house, starting a small fire.) "But quite frankly *this is no longer any concern of mine.*" And it was miraculous. The storm abated; the record-player switched itself off automatically; and outside on the sparkling lawn little rabbits frolicked in the moonlight. It was all over. *Twin Peaks* had gone.

No doubt a simple unplugging of the television would have been equally effective, yet this exercise in sympathetic magic seemed somehow more appropriate – there being little enough enchantment in everyday life.

Art historian Stephen Bayley would evidently agree. In last night's Omnibus on Tom Jones (BBC 1), Bayley took part in an entertaining critical scuffle over the significance of a certain famous ritual of Tom Jones's stage act – namely the dabbing of Jones's sweaty cheeks and armpits with underclothing proffered from the audience. To the truly brainy and imaginative person (like Bayley) the symbolism of this act is much more far-reaching than is commonly thought.

It is not simply a matter, then, of women chucking bikini briefs at a man driving them wild with his pelvic swivel. No, said Bayley. Without getting too technical (or personal) about categories of fatty acid, it seems that Tom Jones's ritual transfer of bodily unguents may represent no less than a confirmation that "witchcraft" persists in modern life – a construction few rock critics have previously considered. From now on, front-row fans will doubtless bring empty phials in which to catch drips of the True Fatty Acid. You never know: it might cure warts, or something.

The programme considered few such tricky intellectual issues. There was no semiological breakdown of "Delilah" or "The Green Green Grass of Home"; no analysis of the over-zealous nose-reduction job that transformed our hero (at some unspecified point in the Sixties) from a spitting-image Jeremy Paxman lookalike to the bearer of the pugilistic profile we know today. This was much more of a routine portrait of a showbiz career, nicely researched with old clips from Sixties shows such as *This is Tom Jones*, and mainly toeing the new aggressive PR line emanating from Jones's son-cum-manager – viz, that the decades of Las Vegas stardom have provided Tom Jones with an unhelpful image as a mere sex object. It is time, they say, for attention to shift "three feet further up" and focus on his voice.

Fair enough. There was plenty of evidence for the quality of Tom Jones's singing. Unfortunately, however, the plea for being taken seriously was made against a constant stream of footage of Jones in concert – which had the irresistible effect of dragging one's attention straight back down again. However much his press secretary (daughter-in-law) objected to the use of the word "gyrating" as a description of his performance, it was still jolly difficult to fix one's gaze permanently in the area of the larynx. The struggle, in fact, involved so much up-and-down focusing that ultimately it induced a distinct feeling of seasickness. I gave up, in the end. I lay back on the sofa and sucked a Quell.

Jones's repeated assertion was that he could sing "as good, if not better, than anyone else" – a strange thing to say, really, indicative of a highly competitive nature. He mentioned that his first manager, Gordon Mills, had once emphatically advised him that singing was not like boxing: "Even though you feel you are the best singer, you can't go proving it by knocking other singers out." The occasion for this advice was not given, alas, but perhaps Jones had suggested a tournament. The idea recalls to mind those Monty Python sketches, where Greek philosophers tripped each other up, and French Impressionists knocked each other down in the ring.

> *'From now on, front-row fans will doubtless bring empty phials in which to catch drips of the True Fatty Acid. You never know: it might cure warts, or something'*

With so many arts features on television linked closely to the openings of films and plays, the publication of books, and the commencement of extensive UK tours, one starts to get a little wary of the anodyne treatment some of these people get. It was, therefore, a terrific hoot on Tuesday's The Late Show when Kirsty Wark announced a discussion of Bret Easton Ellis's controversial book *American Psycho* with the news that Picador, its British publishers, had declined to take part, "because it isn't publishing practice to promote books before they are published". She kept an admirably straight face while saying this, but the guests on either side scoffed audibly.

There are problems with discussing Bret Easton Ellis's "snuff novel" on television. It is narrated by a yuppy serial killer who mutilates his victims – mainly women – so sadistically that, on television, the worst excesses cannot even be mentioned, let alone described. In America there has been an outcry from women's groups, and a resultant boycott of Random House's books. *The Late Show* interviewed Ellis's worried-looking editor, Sonny Mehta, who said he was surprised by the scale of the hoo-ha. Then they interviewed baby-faced Ellis himself, who said he was surprised no one had cottoned on to the book's underlying message. In such a cynical age, this capacity for surprise was strangely touching.

Back in *The Late Show* studio, the book's merits were partially defended, but the happy overall impression was that Ellis's book is, in fact, an unworthy candidate for such weighty consideration. In the case of *American Psycho*, the issue of freedom of speech versus the dangers of violent pornography is seriously complicated by the self-evident fact that the book succeeds only in beggaring the imagination.

In Passion Week, it was salutary to be presented with so many examples of inhumanity. There was further police brutality and bureaucratic ruthlessness in the second (and even worse) episode of G.F. Newman's *For the Greater Good* (BBC 2). On Thursday's *9 O'Clock News* (BBC 1) Brian Hanrahan showed us footage of the so-called "turkey-shoot" in the Gulf War – when helicopters picked off helpless Iraqis in the dark. And in last night's *The Dream* (BBC 2), Jeremy Irons played a Dostoevsky character whose pessimism about the evil endemic in human nature was bleak enough to make you cut your own head off.

The source of all this nastiness is arrogance, of course. As Jeremy Brett averred in *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes* (Granada): "When one tries to rise above Nature one is liable to fall below it. The highest type of man may revert to the animal if he leaves the straight road of destiny." Unfortunately, he said this in the context of a preposterous story called "The Creeping Man", in which an elderly professor injects himself with monkey-glands, and acquires, through side-effect, the climbing skills of an orang-utan – but these were wise words, none the less. (Incidentally, he also advised Watson, "Always carry a firearm east of Aldgate," which may be of no little interest to colleagues on *The Times*.)

THEATRE

Who dares does not always win

The Almeida Theatre is facing possible closure in a funding crisis. Matt Wolf assesses its importance as an innovator

Just one week before Ian McDiarmid and Jonathan Kent, the Almeida's joint artistic directors, find out if they have won an Olivier award for their adventurous programming, the threatened closure of the theatre comes as a shock to the theatrical system. Ah yes, its detractors will ask, but was not the decade-old playhouse in fact more adventurous during the previous regime of Pierre Audi?

Avant-gardists look back fondly on Audi's tenure which brought Yuri Lyubimov's Dostoevsky adaptation, *The Possessed*, and Théâtre de Complicité's *The Visit* to the London fringe, even as it promoted the new works of Howard Barker (*Possibilities*) and David Rudkin (*The Saxon Shore*). Those, too, were the golden days of the Almeida's Festival of Contemporary Music, which, under the direction of Audi and the American pianist Yvar Mikhashoff, signified the most important celebration of our own century's music in this country.

Those who impugn the present Almeida regime see the venue as some kind of displaced West End, and, to a certain extent, such thinking is justified. What a pleasure, after all, to see Nicola Pagett, Claire Bloom and Glenda Jackson in these trendy Islington confines before such actresses move on to the less intimate (but better paying) quarters of the West End.

Such perceptions, however, ignore McDiarmid's genuine achievement. Certainly Jean Anouilh's stylish study of sexual manipulation, *The Rehearsal*, could have been mounted directly onto a West End stage instead of moving from the Almeida to the Garrick, but who would have dared produce it in a West End climate which currently favours plays with titles such as *Don't Dress for Dinner*? The likely answer is, nobody.

The same is true of Barker's *Scenes from an Execution*, the stirring meditation on art patronage and the nature of the theatre with which McDiarmid launched his regime in January 1990. That production never did make its expected transfer, despite the star power of Glenda Jackson, so it is unlikely it would have been staged at all if McDiarmid had not offered the Almeida to Barker as the place where he could bring his radio play to the stage. It was a similar story for those hoping to see Claire Bloom in Ibsen's *When We Dead Waken* in another environment; they would have waited a very long time indeed.

There can be no doubt that London needs a small playhouse devoted to an eclectic repertoire of classics, liberally sprinkled with contemporary work. In January, the Almeida proved uniquely hospitable to Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*, reclaiming the pain behind the ellipses of a work too hastily dismissed in its National Theatre premiere. And whatever now happens to the plans for its West End transfer, chances are that Cheryl Campbell's startlingly passionate and moving performance found its perfect home at the Almeida.

This theatre, too, deserves the right to artistic failure, as is the case with McDiarmid's current revival of Wedekind's *Lulu*. But what better place for Joanne Whalley Kilmer, fresh from Hollywood stardom, to retrieve her theatrical skills than on the London fringe where she first began, albeit at a different address. If this production can be judged a failure, surely it is one the Almeida management should



Stylish: Nicola Pagett in Anouilh's *The Rehearsal*

be able to withstand, even as it survived a similarly poor mounting of Racine's *Bajazet* last autumn. Both plays were of interest even if the production showcasing them never took wing.

What then are we to make of McDiarmid's pronouncement that the Almeida will have to close following the decision by the London Borough Grants Committee to stop its grant of £55,000? Is this a case of directorial grandstanding or a genuine sounding of the alarm? Whichever it turns out to be, the cry has unmistakably gone out and it is one which no theatre *aficionado* in London can fail to notice.

● On Friday we said that the current Venice exhibition on Celtic art was the centrepiece of the Biennale. The Biennale is, of course, in 1993.

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Trifle deserving obscurity

THEATRE

The Virtuoso
Swan, Stratford

THOMAS Shadwell is remembered, if at all, for one reason. His contemporary Dryden spent no less than 220 lines rubbishing him in mock-heroic couplets. Shadwell has sworn like some literary Hannibal "never to have peace with wit nor peace with sense". His "tragic muse gives smiles, his comic sleep". "All arguments, but most his plays, persuade," trumpeted Dryden, "that for annointed dullness he was made."

So heavyweight an attack creates expectations that, as it turns out, are not fulfilled by the RSC's attempt to rehabilitate Shadwell. The monster bore is only a mildly frisky mouse. If he were alive today, his word processor would doubtless be spilling out boulevard farces, pier-end romps and the odd television sitcom. Phyllida Lloyd's sprightly production suggests *The Virtuoso* is a Restoration amalgam of all three.

The main plot involves two gallants' efforts to get the right girls in defiance of obstructive guardians, annoying rivals and their own emotional confusions; but it is even more lacking in tension, humanity and clarity than plots in Restoration comedies usually contrive to be. The convoluted dealings of Longvil and Clarinda, Miranda and Bruce are just an excuse for a succession of vaguely linked caricatures and eccentrics, prime among them the "virtuoso" of the title.

For virtuoso, read scientist; and for scientist, read a comically solemn Freddie Jones. He comes oddly attired in a white coat draped over a one-piece swimming costume, his curly hair and beard combining with his knobbly face to suggest that Socrates has just wandered out of a Victorian bathing machine. He is, it seems, variously studying the habits of spiders, ways of amplifying the human voice and methods of bottling air. Shadwell regards the character much as Swift regarded the crazed researchers in Gulliver's Laputa. For us, he is surely more sympathetic, a blend of Marconi and David Attenborough unlucky to have lived at a time when science and silliness were synonymous in literary minds.

At all events, he brings some freshness to a play in which everybody else is obsessed by sex. Guy Henry's Sir Formal Trifle, looking and sounding like a canting Victorian cleric, stalks his prey with oratorical flourishes and shows of exorbitant gentility. Linda Marlowe's Lady Gimcrack, a red-lipped clone of Snow White's wicked stepmother, opts for gasps, gulps and nymphomaniac palpitations. Richard Bonneville's Sir Samuel Hearty goes hunting for women camouflaged first as what seems to be an Edwardian chauffeur, then as a burly pantomime dame.

THAT is characteristic of the evening. There is no good reason for Hearty's disguises except to ensure he gets pummelled, sexually attacked, and otherwise involved in knockabout. Nor is there any explanation for a scene in which three couples converge on the same bedroom, unknowingly led by the virtuoso's grumpy uncle, Ken Wynne's Mr Snarl, the kind of chap at whom people with names like Miss Swish aim their phone-box ads. "I was so used to it at Westminster School," he explains to Sheila Reid, the black-bodiced lady with the cane.

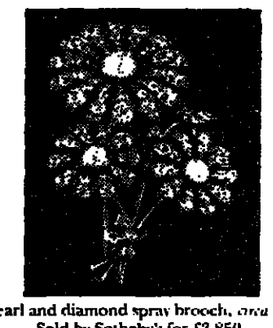
The costumes, music and dancing traverse the centuries, at times creating an impression of dream or orgiastic nightmare. Indeed, I suspect Lloyd wants us to feel we are watching suppressed sexual drives imaginatively erupting into the open. But her audacity and skill cannot finally hide that the play is just a spasmodically enjoyable muddle – and Shadwell deservedly obscure.

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BBC 1

7.30 Touché Turtle (r) 7.35 Charlie Brown and Snoopy (r)
7.55 Eggs 'n' Baker. Cheryl Baker with another breakfast helping of chat, cookery and pop. This Easter special includes seasonal recipes and games, plus special guest Terry Nutkins of the *Really Wild Show* and music provided by Cheryl's own band Buck's Fizz, performing live in the studio 8.35 BraveStarr. Cartoon (r)
9.00 Going Live! Children's magazine programme introduced by Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. The special guests include *Blue Peter* presenter John Leslie, *Bread* star Jonathan Morris and international film star and comedian Dudley Moore 12.12 Weather
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Previews of the boat race, football and rugby league; 12.55 News; 1.00 Boat Race: live coverage of the 137th Oxford and Cambridge boat race from Putney to Mortlake; 1.50, 2.25 and 4.30 Swimming: the Mycil world cup from the Ponds Forge Pool, Sheffield; 2.10, 2.40 and 3.40 Racing from Haydock Park; 2.55 and 3.55 Rugby League: live coverage of the second semi-final of the Silk Cup challenge cup between St Helens and Widnes at Central Park, Wigan; 4.50 Final Score
5.10 News and weather
5.20 Regional News and sport. Wales (to 5.55) Wales on Saturday
5.25 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson takes a lighthearted look at crime in cartoons
5.55 Jim'll Fix It. More dreams come true for people of all ages, courtesy of Sir Jimmy Savile. (Ceefax)
6.30 Little and Large. Syd and Eddie present a rock 'n' roll megamix. With guest Maddi Cryer and music from Paul Young and Zucchero. (Ceefax)
7.00 Fast Friends. New quiz show hosted by Les Dawson. The format involves two team leaders selecting four contestants each from a group of 40. Their teams then go on to do battle against the clock in a knock-out contest. The captain of the team that comes out on top eventually goes forward to a solo round with Les with the opportunity of winning a luxury holiday. (Ceefax)
7.30 Police Rescue. A feature-length pilot episode to introduce a new drama series about the Australian police. Predictable prejudice from male colleagues is the first hurdle faced by a young female constable when she joins the police rescue service. However, she has to cast aside personal problems when she becomes involved in a desperate search for an epileptic boy lost in the city drains. The search becomes a race against time as the flood waters begin to rise. Starring Sonia Todd and Gary Sweet. (Ceefax)
9.00 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
9.20 Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott presents more stand-up comedy, crazy sketches and strange commercials, helped by Robert Powell (r). (Ceefax)
9.50 Film: Mask (1985).
● CHOICE: *Mask* arrived at the 1985 Cannes film festival with the director, Peter Bogdanovich, disclaiming the version shown. He complained that the producers had cut eight vital minutes and substituted the music of Bob Dager for that of Bruce Springsteen. Hollywood directors, from Woody Allen to Fred Zinnemann, took a full-page advertisement in *Variety* to protest against the "censorship" of the film. Universal Pictures took another advertisement in *Variety* to hit back. Meanwhile the film went on its merry way. It is based on the true story of Rocky Dennis, a 16-year-old with a face grotesquely deformed through illness and his determination to make the most of his short life. The film is by no means free of sentimentality but it has a sensitive performance by Eric Stolz as Rocky, a bravura one by Cher as his wayward mother and a strong feel for its lower middle-class Californian environment. (Ceefax)
11.45 That Week in Jerusalem. Actor Bruce Alexander reflects on the personality and character of Judas
12.00 Look, Stranger: Music in My Pocket. A profile of Raymond Francombe, jobbing gardener and composer (r)
12.30am Surrexit Christus Alleluia! An Easter trip to the heart of the Burgundy countryside for readings and music sung by young pilgrims from all over the world who have travelled to the village of Taize 1.00 Weather



Comedian Les Dawson is host to a new quiz show (7.00pm)

BBC 2

9.00 George Stevens: A Film-Maker's Journey. Profile of the American director who made *Swing Time*, *Shane* and *Giant* (r)
10.45 Film: Vigil in the Night (1940, b/w). Downbeat medical drama starring Carole Lombard and Anne Shirley. A dedicated nurse takes the blame for a child's death caused by her sister's negligence. Directed by George Stevens
12.20 Yo Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax Play Beethoven. Cellist Yo Yo Ma and pianist Emanuel Ax teamed up to play all Beethoven's sonatas for piano and cello in five different European cities on consecutive nights. This part of the marathon was recorded in Edinburgh
1.25 Film: Fifth Avenue Girl (1939, b/w). Comedy starring Ginger Rogers as an unemployed girl persuaded by sad millionaire Walter Connolly to pose as a gold digger and annoy his avaricious family. Directed by Gregory LaCava
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 41. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.20 Tom and Jerry. Cartoon (r)
3.30 Film: Gone With the Wind (1939). Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, Leslie Howard and Olivia de Havilland star in the most famous epic in cinema history. Based on Margaret Mitchell's novel, it follows the passionate love story of Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara against the bloodshed of the American civil war and its aftermath. Directed by Victor Fleming. (Ceefax)
7.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
7.20 Wainwright. The last journey with the famous fell-walker is to Howgill Fells, between the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales (r)
7.50 Heart of Soweto: When You Come Back. For many in Soweto, 1990 was a year of waiting and hoping. Not least for Mrs Nombulelo Makhubu, who still awaits the return of her son, Mbuyisa, who was forced to flee the country after the 1976 student uprising



In their own words: Generals Lee (left) and Grant (8.20pm)

8.20 The Civil War: The Cause.
● CHOICE: Not any civil war but the one in the United States, which gives the BBC a peg by having broken out 130 years ago. This is an American series which attracted critical praise, as well as huge audiences, when it was screened there last autumn. Then it ran for 11 hours. For British consumption it has been edited down to six hourly parts. Since Lincoln, Grant, Lee and the rest are unavailable for interview, the show does the next best thing and quotes their words, read by an unseen star cast including our own Oscar-winner, Jeremy Irons. Visual sources include contemporary paintings and newspaper headlines but most of all the magnificent photographic record of the war with its indelible images of dead soldiers and gutted buildings. Tonight's opener, though, is about the antecedents, a trawl through slavery, John Brown's body and the rough boy from Illinois who became President Lincoln. (Ceefax)
9.20 Rhythms of the World: Seven Nights in New York City. The first of a two-part look at the music of New York's immigrant communities
10.10 Film: Mortu Nega (1989). The African film season continues with this drama of love and politics from Guinea-Bissau in West Africa. Set during the final days of the country's war of independence to gain freedom from Portuguese rule, it centres on Diminga, a freedom-fighter on her way to the front line to find her husband. Portuguese dialogue with English subtitles. Directed by Flora Gomes
11.55 Twin Peaks. The "wedding of the year" is followed by a fatal honeymoon (r). (Ceefax)
12.30am Film: The Servant (1963, b/w).
● CHOICE: The Dirk Bogarde season continues with one of his most important films. *The Servant* finally buried the matinée idol and ushered in a decade of outstanding work that reached its peak with *Death in Venice*. A film which successfully married the spare and astringent writing of Harold Pinter and the ornate visual style of its American director, Joseph Losey, *The Servant* was taken from a Robin Maugham novel about the humiliation of a rich young man (James Fox) by his devious manservant. Playing the title role with slicked down hair and a flat northern accent, Bogarde had come a million miles from the *Doctor* films and romantic leads which made his name. Although the film has its moments of obscurity towards the end, it is a powerful study of decadence and corruption built around an exposé of the British class system. There is effective support from Sarah Miles and Wendy Craig. (Ceefax). Ends at 3.25. NB: clocks go forward one hour at 1.00am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Motormouth. Children's entertainment programme hosted by Andy Crane, Neil Buchanan and Gaby Roslin. Guests include singer Alison Moyet and Jason Priestley of *Beverly Hills, 90210*
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Earth, Wind and Fire
12.30 Saint & Greavsie. Armchair football punditry from Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves
1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 Grand Sportsmasters. Sports quiz hosted by Dickie Davies
1.40 World Sport Special. A look at the week's major sports news stories. Followed by The Day (r)
2.15 Soccer Special. Highlights of yesterday's top of the second division game between Oldham and West Ham
2.45 Film: Journey To The Far Side Of The Sun (1969). British sci-fi thriller starring Roy Thinnes as an astronaut who discovers a duplicate Earth. It is his double, however, that returns to Earth in his place. Written by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson of *Thunderbirds* and also starring Ian Hendry, Herbert Lom and Patrick Wymark. Directed by Robert Parish
4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby
5.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather
5.15 The Winjin Pom. Bizarre comedy series from the *Spitting Image* stable
5.45 Beverly Hills, 90210. Glossy American drama about a mid-western family who experience culture shock when moving to glitzy Beverly Hills. (Oracle)
6.40 Davro. Bobby Davro with more impersonations. The classic film *Casablanca* gets the Davro treatment, with unlikely stars including Nigel Kennedy, Keith Chegwin and Roy Castle
7.10 You Bet! Matthew Kelly hosts the game show in which celebrity guests place wagers on the public's capacity for self-humiliation. Comedian Brian Conley, television presenter Kim Goody and actor Graham Cole from *The Bill* challenge, among others, 100 schoolchildren to skip 50 times over the same rope and an amateur golfer to get a hole in one by throwing the golf ball
8.10 Columbo: Dagger of the Mind. Peter Falk stars as the sharp detective in the crumpled coat, this week in London to study Scotland Yard's investigative techniques. He is soon on the case of two Shakespearean actors who murder their benefactor. Columbo's suspicions are aroused by a mix-up involving that truly British accessory, the umbrella. Also starring Richard Basehart and Honor Blackman (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News with Nicholas Owen, sport and weather 10.15 LWT Weather



Bafta-winner David Jason is Michael Aspel's guest (10.20pm)

10.20 Aspel & Company. Michael Aspel's guests include recent Bafta-winner David Jason, comedienne Josie Lawrence, Bananarama and the Gypsy Kings
11.05 The Making of Perfect Scoundrels. A behind-the-scenes glance at the new series starring Peter Bowles and Brian Murray
11.10 Film: After Hours (1985). Rosanna Arquette and Griffin Dunne star in Martin Scorsese's frenetic black comedy about a New York computer programmer who spends a nightmarish 24 hours on the streets after his date ostensibly commits suicide. The neurotic residents of So..o conspire to prevent him escaping the neighbourhood alive and Dunne is hounded through the demi-monde of after hours New York. Although not all the ideas come off, there are well-judged performances from Dunne and Arquette, and Scorsese directs with pace and wit
12.55am Farm Aid. All-star country and western music special in aid of US farmers featuring Elton John, Guns 'n' Roses, Bruce Hornsby, Kris Kristofferson, Willie Nelson and John Denver
NB: the clocks go forward one hour at 1.00am
3.20 Film: Grip of the Strangler (1958, b/w). Gripping Jekyll and Hyde tale set in the 1880s starring Boris Karloff as a distinguished novelist investigating the murder of a good-time girl. After a gruesome public hanging, Karloff is convinced that an innocent man has died, but is less prepared when the murder trail leads towards himself. The contrast of lewd music-halls and the repressive nature of Victorian society is powerfully evoked by Robert Day's moody direction
4.45 The Hit Man and Her. Disco news, music and fashions
5.30 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book
7.00 The All England Badminton Championships: Highlights 8.00 Trans World Sport
9.00 News summary 9.04 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line
9.25 Sing and Swing. Performances by jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r) 9.30 Same Difference. Libby Cross presents the magazine programme on disabled matters (r)
10.00 Free For All. Should water be metered? (r)
10.30 Wagon Train (b/w). First of a new run of the Fifties western series starring Ward Bond, about a wagon train heading for California in the 1840s. With Jane Wyman
11.30 World League American Football. Highlights of the London Monarchs's opening game against Frankfurt Galaxy in Germany
12.30 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Yvonne de Carlo and Fred Gwynne as the lovable monsters Lily and Herman Munster (r)
1.00 Film: My Sister Eileen (1955). Cheerful comedy-musical starring Janet Leigh and Betty Garrett as sisters who come to New York from Ohio to seek their fortunes as an actress and writer. They rent a basement apartment in Greenwich Village plagued with damp, noisy subway trains and bright street lights, but these trials are minor compared to their disastrous hunt for work. Meeting with failure at every turn, they resolve to return to Ohio when they find romance with Bob Fosse and Jack Lemmon. Directed by Richard Quine
3.00 The Footsteps Echo. Continuing the five-part series on the religious implications of the Easter story using animation, rock music and opinion from celebrities and the public. There is a portrayal of the last days of an Aids sufferer, with music by the Communards
3.30 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park. John Francome introduces live coverage of the 3.40, 4.10 and 4.40 races
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext)
6.30 Short Stories: Brendan's Boys. Repeated documentary about Brendan Ingle's boxing gym on the east side of Sheffield where the majority of the fighters are wayward kids, hustlers and hopefuls. A new series of *Short Stories* starts next week
7.00 The World This Week includes an examination of the power struggle between Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin; and a report on human rights in Morocco. Followed by Weather



Country singer-songwriter Dean Dillon from Nashville (8.00pm)

8.00 Sound Stuff: Heart On The Line.
● CHOICE: A new series of Saturday night music documentaries, catholic enough to take in both Muzak and Django Reinhardt, is launched with a study of the songwriters of Nashville. It was made by the Irish director and cameraman John T. Davis, whose vivid pictorial style was employed in a BBC *Arena* film about the country singer Vernon Oxford and his mission to save Ulster. Davis's eye for the telling image is much in evidence here as well, as he strips away the glamour of the country music capital to reveal the drab American town underneath. But if the landscape is colourless the songwriters make up for it, starting with the veteran Harlan Howard and the young Dean Dillon, who saw himself as a latter-day Hank Williams and hit the bottle to prove it. For British audiences, particularly those unacquainted with the country music scene, a commentary would have been helpful
9.15 Near Death (b/w). American documentarist Frederick Wiseman's six-hour documentary, shot in the intensive care unit of Boston's Beth Israel Hospital. Wiseman is well-known for his outstanding *cinéma-vérité* films observing the day-to-day life of public institutions, and *Near Death* is his most monumental work. Medical technology has created a host of perplexing ethical questions about the role of machines in prolonging the lives of the terminally ill and the film joins doctors as they speak frankly to patients about the reality of death. One 83-year-old man is told, "Your lungs aren't going to get better . . . the act of putting you on the machine is almost a futile effort," while in another room a nurse holds the hand of a patient as she quietly dies. The film focuses on the sobering experiences of four patients, their families and the doctors taking care of them and builds up to a remarkable study of life and death. Ends at 3.40
NB: the clocks go forward one hour at 1.00am

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SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
8.00 Strange Brew (1983): Two beer-swilling brothers (Dave Thomas and Rick Moranis) stumble upon a plot by an evil brewery owner to take over the world
10.00 Dot and the Bunny: A mixture of live-action and animation tells the story of an Australian girl who makes friends with animals in the Outback
11.20 Easter Bunny Is Coming to Town: Fred Astaire narrates the story of a sad rabbit who brings joy to a town of adults
12.10pm The Lodger (1944, b/w): A lodger at a turn-of-the-century boarding house is suspected of being Jack the Ripper
2.00 The Jazz Singer (1980): Neil Diamond stars as the son of a New York synagogue cantor (Laurence Olivier), who heads for Los Angeles to become a pop star
4.00 Wrestlemania VII: A repeat of the annual wrestling extravaganza
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 No Holds Barred (1988): Hulk Hogan plays a champion wrestler doing the decent thing and refusing an offer from a greedy promoter to switch networks
10.00 Frantic (1988): Harrison Ford teams up with Emmanuelle Seigner to find his wife, who is missing in Paris
12.00 Talking Walls (1986): A student, writing a paper about human sexuality, spies on couples who check in at a seedy motel
1.30am The Sicilian (1987): Christopher Lambert stars as the Sicilian bandit Salvatore Giuliano
4.00 The Zoo Gang (1986): A group of bored adolescents try to launch their own nightclub. Ends at 5.35

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Children's Programming 7.00 Cartoons 9.00 Mobil 1 Motor Sports News 9.30 Ice Hockey World Champions 11.00 Saturday Alive: Ford Ski Report; Ski-Jumping World Cup Final; European Diving Championships; BOC Round the World Race; Davis Cup Tennis; Volvo Piranza Open Golf 6.00pm International Motor Sport 7.00 Australian Rules Football 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Ski-Jumping World Cup Final 10.30 Davis Cup Tennis

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.45am Citroen Ski Europe 7.45 US Pro Ski Tour Giant Slalom 8.30 Hippodrome French Racing 9.00 World of Champs 10.00 Motorsport World Rally Champs Portugal 11.00 Speedway Ice Racing 12.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 1.00pm NBA Basketball 3.00 Argentina Football 4.00 Powersports International 5.00 NHRA Drag Racing from Supernationals 6.00 Wide World of Sport 7.00 German Rally Championships 7.30 Action Auto 8.00 Weekend Live US PGA: The Players Championships 11.00 Fight Night at the Forum 12.30am NBA Basketball 2.30 Ten Pin Bowling: US Men's Pro Senior Bowlers 3.45 European PGA Volvo Tour: Portuguese Open 4.45 German Rally Champs 5.15 Sport de France 5.45 Ten Pin Bowling

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

●Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 He Shoots! He Scores! 2.45 Spain Spain Holiday 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
12.30pm Cat City (1987): Cartoon about cats determined to rid the world of mice
2.15 The Dove (1974): The true story of a 16-year-old boy's journey round the world in a 24-foot sloop. Starring Joseph Bottoms
4.00 Treasure Island (1972): Orson Welles stars as the piratical Long John Silver
6.00 The New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking (1988): An adaptation of Astrid Lindgren's children's books
7.45 The Film Charts
8.00 The Prince of Pennsylvania (1988): Keanu Reeves tries to "find himself"
10.00 Lipstick (1976): Mariel Hemingway determines to take revenge on her rapist
11.35 Critters 2 (1988): The toothy aliens return to Earth
1.00am Playing For Keeps (1986): Three New York boys convert a hotel into a resort for teenagers. Ends at 2.45

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
9.30am Matchroom League Snooker 12.00 Australian Rugby League 2.00pm Turf Trax 3.00 Inside the US PGA Tour 3.30 Motor World 4.00 American Sports Cavalcade 5.00 NWA Wrestling 6.00 Red Line 7.00 European Cup Basketball: Kingston in Europe 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Scottish Football Magazine 11.00 Ringside

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
8.00am Twenty hours of rock and pop

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FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Soul by the Sea: The second of a three-day concert, recorded at Montego Bay, Jamaica 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show 10.00 In Concert: The US gospel duo BeBe and CeCe Winans, recorded at Birmingham Town Hall last October 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew with Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Philips Kennedy 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm The News Huddlines (r) 2.00 Ken Dodd's Easter Special (r) 2.30 Meet Ingrid Henderson: Scottish harp music from the 13-year-old winner of the Young Tradition Award (r) 3.00 Neil Coppendale 4.00 Anne O'Brien 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 Screenplay (r) 6.00 Edmundo Ros at 80: Mr Latin America (r) 7.00 Jazz Score 7.30 BBC Concert Orchestra: Tour of Germany 1990 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Ed Stewart 12.05am It's a Funny Business: Molly Weir talks about her long association with Life with the Lyons and her other talents (r) 12.30 Len Jackson with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 3

5.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 Sport 9.02 On Your Marks, incl 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.04pm Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30 Sportscall: Phone-in quiz. Tel: 0345 909 693 1.15 Sport on 5 With Jon Champion. Featuring the 137th University Boat Race, Oxford v Cambridge; Football: Barclays League: Reports and second-half commentary; Racing from Kempton Park: (2.35) Chatsworth Handicap Stakes (3.10) Queen Elizabeth Handicap Stakes (3.40) BonusPrint Masaka Stakes; Rugby League: Second semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge; European PGA golf 5.00 Sports Report 6.00-11.00 As Radio 4, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport 11.15 European Concert: Music with a Spanish flavour 12.00-12.15am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 5.00am German Features 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and French 5.47 Press Review 5.52 Change in the Air 5.55 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.45 On the Record 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.15 Worldbrief 9.30 Waveguide 9.38 Sports Roundup 9.45 Network UK 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter from America 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Midi Magazine 11.59 Travel News 12.00 News 12.09pm News About Britain 12.15 Milltrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 2.01 Letter from America 2.15 Club 648 2.30 Sportsworld 3.00 News 3.15 Sportsworld (cont) 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.58 Travel News 5.01 Sportsworld: Final Results 5.30 Londres Soir 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.09 Personal View 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Short Story 9.30 From Our Own Correspondent 9.50 Write On... 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Words of Faith 11.10 Book Choice 11.15 A Jolly Good Show 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am The Ken Bruce Show 2.00 (BST) News Summary 2.01 Play of the week: Still Life Painting 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Tampering with the Past 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On... 4.45 News and Press Review in German

REGIONALS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.40pm The A-Team 2.35-4.45 Film: Shane 11.05 Film: After Hours 12.50 The Queen Elizabeth Foundation Pop Concert 3.05 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Nascar 5.00-5.30 Peppino

BORDER

As London except: 1.40pm Cartoon Time 1.50-4.45 Film: South Pacific 11.05 Magnum 12.00 Film: Night Chase 2.45 Adeva 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.10pm Out of Limits 2.25 Matlock 3.20-4.45 Film: Crisis in Mid-Air 11.05 Film: After Hours 12.55 Hodson Confidential 2.25 Film: The Strange World of Planet X 3.40 CinemAttractions 4.10 American College Football 5.05-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 1.45pm Beatha'n Fhasaich 2.15 Crann Tara 2.50 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.50-4.45 Coronation Street 5.10-5.15 Crisnagan 11.05 Philip Marlowe — Private Eye 12.00 Film: Night Chase 2.45 Adeva 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

GRANADA

As London except: 1.40pm Cartoon 1.50-4.45 Film: South Pacific 8.10-10.00 Film: Flight 83: Disaster on the Potomac 11.05 Philip Marlowe 12.00 Film: Night Chase 2.45 Adeva 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.40pm The Young Riders 2.40-4.45 Film: Will Penny 11.05 Hardball 12.00 Film: Sands of the Kalahari 3.10 New Music 4.10 Raw Power 5.05-5.30 Cover Story: Joan Rivers

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.40pm Cartoon 1.50-4.45 Film: South Pacific 11.05 Film: Reds 3.35 Film: The Dark Man 5.05-5.30 Jobs

TSW

As London except: 1.40pm The South West Week 2.10 Coronation Street 3.05-4.45 Film: King Solomon's Treasure 11.05 The Law and Harry McGraw 12.00 Film: Night Chase 2.45 Adeva 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TVS

As London except: 1.40pm The Spectacular World of Guinness Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 American's Top Ten

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.40pm Cartoon Time 1.50-4.45 Film: South Pacific 11.05 The New Avengers 12.00 Film: Night Chase 2.45 Adeva 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

ULSTER

As London except: 1.40pm Superstars of Wrestling 2.40 The A-Team 3.40 The Munsters Today 4.10-4.45 Blockbusters 11.00 Circuit Report 11.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.00 Film: Night Chase 2.45 Adeva 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.40pm The A-Team 2.35 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.00-4.45 Film: There Goes the Bride 11.05 Film: After Hours 12.50 The Equalizer 2.50 Backstage 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Police Precinct 5.00-5.30 Wildlife

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.30 The All England Badminton Championships 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News 9.04 C4 Racing 9.25 Sing and Swing 9.30 Same Difference 10.00 Brought Up on Oysters 10.30 Free for All 11.00 The Painter's World 11.30 Remote Control 12.00 Jonathan Ross 12.30 Sumo 1.00 World League American Football 2.00 Film: Cardinal Richelieu* 3.30 Racing from Kempton Park 5.05 Brookside 6.30 Newyddion 6.40 Ar Fach Yr Haf 8.05 Y Maes Chwaraa 9.05 Short and Curlies: Duck 9.15 Near Death* 3.40am Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 9.00am Scratch Saturday 1.00 Chips 1.50 News; The Young Harry Houdini 2.45 Beyond 2000 3.30 Disney Cartoon 3.40 Film: The Shaggy Dog 5.30 Dick Turpin 6.00 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.40 Talkabout 7.05 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 Secrets 9.00 News 9.20 Euro Song '91 10.40 Film: Charley Varrick 12.35 News

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.00 Sign of the Times 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 Cousteau: Rediscovery of the World 6.00 Death Valley Days 6.30 Seachtain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Mind 8.00 News 8.10 North and South 9.50 Circuit Report 10.30 Easter Vigil 12.00 Close

RADIO

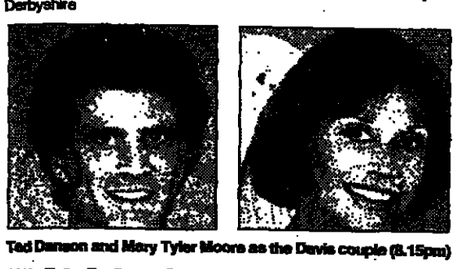
(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Travel and holiday news. Ken Bruce explores Dublin, the 1991 European City of Culture, complete with a literary pub crawl
10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin and guests (s)
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Robin Oakley, political editor of *The Times*
11.30 Europhile: Max Easterman looks behind the headlines in the European papers
12.00 Money Box, with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby
12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took tests Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren and guests on the week's news (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Bodelwyddan, Wales, by David Hunt, MP; Joan Ruddock, MP; Alan Watkins; and Alex Carlile, MP (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring Jonathan Dimbleby with their views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: The Beat of Friends
● CHOICE: Every one of its 90 minutes proclaims this to have been a labour of love for Hugh Whitemore in adapting the letters and other writings of a gossipy British academic, a Scots abbess, and an impish Irish playwright — a seemingly incompatible trio who became an equilateral triangle of mutual admiration. It was Sir Sydney Cockerell (John Gielgud) who introduced Sister Laurentia McLachlan (Rosemary Harris) to Bernard Shaw (Denys Hawthorne). For decades, a tide of affection flowed between them. It ebbed only once, over Shaw's tale *The Black Girl in Search of God*. Whitemore's "play" is warm, witty, and above all, profoundly moving (s)
4.00 News; The Birth of Europe: The Power to Succeed or Fail? In the fourth of five programmes, Peter France traces the discovery of natural energy
4.30 Science Now: From Central America, the problems of the tropical dry forest
5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to the artist and illustrator, Helen Houlston (r)
5.25 Des Lynam — the Man and his Music (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week, with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Classic Serial: The Absentee. The first of a two-part adaptation by Nick McCarty of Maria Edgeworth's epic saga of an Anglo-Irish family (s)
8.45 Kaleidoscope: Dark Nights on Broadway. The heartland of American theatre, New York's Broadway, is struggling for survival. Native New Yorker Michael Goldfarb returns to the once cultural dynamo to search for other theatrical venues on the island of Manhattan (s)
9.15 Music In Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten, led by the Rev Dr Leslie Griffiths (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Open Mind, with Edward Mortimer
10.45 Letter from . . . Cairo: Alex Kirby considers life in Egypt's overpopulated capital (r)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with concert pianists Kathryn Stott and Joanna MacGregor (s) (r)
11.30 The World of Dowie: The second of four excursions into a brave new world, created and presented by John Dowie. With Jim Sweeney, Steve Steen, Cathryn Harrison and the Ronnie Golden Small Band (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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BBC 1

9.00 My Name Is Jane. Moving film in which 23-year-old Down's Syndrome sufferer Jane Clark talks about her hopes and ambitions
9.30 Look Stranger: Daffodils, Bullion and Steam. Cornish landscape artist Mary Merton paints throughout the year in the open air. She takes as her inspiration scenes from the parish of St Dominick in the Tamar valley (r)
10.00 Christ Is Risen! The Dean of Wells Cathedral, the Very Rev Richard Lewis leads a special Easter service to celebrate the Resurrection
11.00 Urbi et Orbi. Pope John Paul II sends his annual Easter blessing to the world, live from St Peter's Square, Rome
11.30 A Way With Numbers. Maths help for adults with Carol Vorderman. Wales (to 12.30) See You Sunday 11.55 Cartoon
12.05 Sign Extra. A programme from the *Europeans* series adapted for the hearing impaired
12.30 *Country File.* John Craven reports on the provision made for travellers. Despite legislation 20 years ago, only Wiltshire and Dorset provide sites for gypsies after well-publicised disputes with local farmers and police. Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather
1.00 News 1.05 Tom and Jerry. Cartoon (r) 1.10 High Chaparral. *Western series (r)* 2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: Escape to Victory (1981). Michael Caine, Sylvester Stallone and a team of soccer greats including Pele, Bobby Moore and Osvaldo Ardiles take to the field in an unlikely second world war match between Allied prisoners and their German captors. For our *brave lads, it represents a tantalising* chance of escape. Plenty of spectacularly staged football, but not much acting. An *extraordinary* subject for its director, John Huston
4.50 Tom and Jerry Double Bill
5.05 Superdogs. Peter Purves introduces the canine competitors *aspiring to the Winalot Challenge Trophy. The competition tests* obedience, speed and agility of both man and his best friend
5.45 The Clothes Show. Jeff Banks and Caryn Franklin present a special Easter edition from Thornton's chocolate factory in Derbyshire



Ted Danson and Mary Tyler Moore as the Davis couple (8.15pm)

6.15 OK? Talk Feelings. Continuing the series on dealing with emotions, Sylvia describes her panic attacks while dancers portray her feelings. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stewart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from Hereford Cathedral. (Ceefax)
7.15 Brush Strokes. Tired sitcom, well past its sell-by date, starring Karl Howman as amorous handyman Jacko. The wine bar has become a bone of contention between Elmo and Lesley, while Veronica decides to sell the paint business so she can concentrate on her impending marriage to Marcello. (Ceefax)
7.45 Butterflies. Carla (*Bread*) Lane's perceptive sitcom from the Seventies about Ria Parkinson (Wendy Craig), a bored housewife *trapped in her gilded cage. The superbly lugubrious Geoffrey* Palmer plays her dentist husband and the show gave an early break to Nicholas Lyndhurst, later to flourish as Rodney in *Only Fools and Horses* (r)
8.15 Film: Just Between Friends (1986). Mary Tyler Moore, Christine Lahti and Ted Danson star in an engaging weepie about surburban wife Holly Davis, who strikes up a friendship with a television news reporter at her aerobics class. What neither woman realises is that among the things they have in common is Holly's husband. The two women are thrown yet closer together however when the adulterer is killed in a car accident and his mistress discovers she is pregnant. Written and directed by Allan Burns. (Ceefax)
10.00 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather
10.15 Heart of the Matter: King of the Jews. Joan Bakewell explores what it means to be Jewish and examines how the strands of race, culture and religion combine in the self-identity of Jewishness
10.50 Making Their Mark: Six Artists on Drawing. Artist Mike Wilks describes the function of art as being to "turn the world on its head *and discover new ways of seeing by taking a different* perspective." His work explores the sometimes surreal recesses of his inner life, revealing an obsessively inventive mind (r)
11.20 The Sky at Night: Bombardment from Space. Patrick Moore is joined by the Astronomer Royal, Professor Arnold Wolfendale, for a programme on cosmic rays
11.40 Mahabharat (r) 12.20am Weather

BBC 2

7.30 How Big Is An Elephant? 7.35 Noah's Ark 8.00 Playdays (r) 8.25 Pinocchio 8.45 Corners (r) 9.00 Eggs 'n' Baker presented by Cheryl Baker 9.45 BraveStarr (r) 10.05 Ed The Duck's Guide to Hong Kong (r)
10.15 Blue Peter (r) 11.00 Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show (r) 11.25 *Lassie (r) 11.45 The O-Zone*
12.00 Film: Pandora and the Flying Dutchman (1951). Gloriously surreal adventure based on the legend of a sailor who must travel the seas until such time as he finds a woman who will sacrifice her own life for his salvation. The story is updated to the Thirties in a Spanish village where a beautiful American expatriate (Ava Gardner) encounters a ship's captain (James Mason) with a mysterious past. Directed by Albert Lewin
2.00 Yo Yo Ma: A Month In Tanglewood. Award-winning film that follows the time spent at one of America's leading summer music schools by the Chinese-American cellist Yo Yo Ma (r)
3.00 Genesis — the Story So Far. Special documentary profiling one of *the world's most popular rock bands*
4.30 Countrymen. The last programme in the series follows the yearly work cycle of Grizedale Forest's senior wildlife ranger John Cubby
5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of the traditional Easter fixture, Cardiff v Barbarians, and action from the recent Hong Kong Sevens *tournament. Wales: includes action from the Heineken league*
6.00 The Clive James Interview with film director Peter Bogdanovich
6.35 Wainwright Remembered. A celebration of the life of Britain's best loved tailwalker Alfred Wainwright
7.15 The Natural World: Wings Over the Holy Land.
● CHOICE: Here at last is a documentary about Israel with the politics left out. It even leaves people out for there is not a human being to be seen. The Easter offering from *The Natural World* is a view of the Holy Land which concentrates exclusively on its scenery and wildlife, elaborated with appropriate Biblical references. Israel, it emerges, *is a marvellous place for bird* spotting, since it lies on the migration route which for many species starts in Africa and finishes in eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and Scandinavia. *April is the time to see the birds and the* camera does just that, capturing storks and white pelicans and spectacular birds of prey, such as levant sparrowhawks and honey buzzards. The helpful commentary is by a veteran of television wildlife documentaries, Barry Paine. (Ceefax)
8.05 Naked Hollywood: *One Foot In, One Foot Out. The final* programme in the series looks at the contrasting styles of three Hollywood directors — veteran Sydney Pollack, the independent-minded John Sayles and the maverick Joe Dante
8.45 How Are The Kids? A film made for the United Nations World *Summit on Children which seeks to highlight the problem of infant* mortality (r)
9.00 Rhythms of the World: Seven Nights in New York. Second part of the documentary featuring the music of New York's immigrant communities

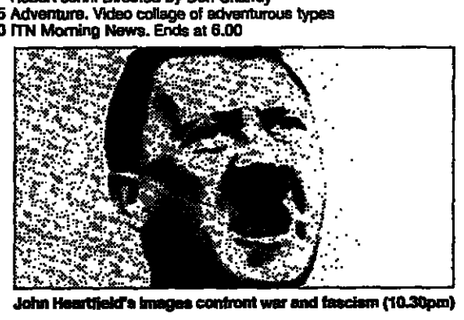


Edward Fox plays a blustering MI5 spy master (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: They Never Slept (1991).
● CHOICE: Postponed from January because of sensitivity about the Gulf, Simon Gray's satire takes a jaundiced look at the British spy operation during the second world war. Edward Fox plays a blustering MI5 commander who recruits a plucky young corporal (Emily Morgan) to rescue his latest mission against Vichy France. The outcome is not always easy to follow but the ingredients include treachery, blackmail, suicide and murder as Corporal Pru takes her wide-eyed *innocence into a world where values are* somewhat different from those of Cheltenham Ladies College. Harriet Walter completes a trio of enjoyably over-the-top performances as an upper-class lady who gives patriotic talks on the wireless. Gray's comic thrusts are set against an authentically *reconstructed wartime London where the posters and the* sandbags are part of the fabric and not merely props. (Ceefax)
11.15 Film: Play It Again Sam (1972). Lesser Woody Allen comedy in which he plays a neurotic film critic with severe seduction problems who adopts Humphrey Bogart as a role model. Directed by Herbert Ross
12.40am Rapido (r) 1.10 Snub (r). Ends at 1.45

ITV

6.00 TV-am. With, at 8.00, Frost on Sunday, including the interview with General Norman Schwarzkopf which made the headlines this week. Donald Trelford and Carol Thatcher review the newspapers
9.25 The Disney Club. Dannii Minogue, sister of Kylie, is in the studio performing her début single, "Love and Kisses"
10.45 Link. Four different religious leaders are asked about the attitude of their church towards disability
11.00 Morning Worship from the Baptist Tabernacle in Stockton-on-Tees
12.00 Encounter: Man Alive! Father Ian Petit, a Benedictine monk from *York, discusses the impact of a belief in the Resurrection on the* lives of Christians today
12.30 The Smurfs (r) 12.55 LWT News and weather
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 1.10 The Day (r)
1.15 Film: The Lady Craved Excitement (1950, b/w). Michael Medwin and Hy Hazell star in a limp comedy thriller about two cabaret artistes who foil a plot to smuggle valuable works of art out of the country. Hammer film version of an old radio serial by Edward Mason, directed by Francis Searle
2.30 Film: An Alligator Named Daisy (1955). Donald Sinden stars as a luckless songwriter whose affairs are flung into turmoil when he mistakenly picks up someone else's suitcase containing an affectionate alligator. Witless British comedy, with Diana Dors, James Robertson Justice and Margaret Rutherford. Directed by J. Lee Thompson
4.05 Film: A Month of Sundays (1990). Hume Cronyn and Vincent Gardenia co-star in a charming made-for-television comedy about the trials of two elderly friends in a nursing home. Directed by Alan Kroeker. (Oracle)
6.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game with Jim Bowen
6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Harrogate
7.15 Film: Agatha Christie's Murder Is Easy (1982). Olivia de Havilland, Bill Bixby and Leslie Ann Down star in this glossy murder mystery about an American computer expert on holiday in England *who becomes involved in a string of murders. Directed by Claude* Whatham. (Oracle) 8.55 You've Been Framed Preview
9.05 Trouble In Mind. Damp sitcom starring Richard O'Sullivan and Susan Penhaligon. (Oracle)
9.35 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 9.50 LWT Weather
9.55 Sacred Music of Soweto. Bishop Trevor Huddleston introduces a selection of Easter songs from three black choirs from Soweto
10.30 Celebration: Heartfield — The Father of Photomontage.
● CHOICE: Born in Berlin, he anglicised his name to John Heartfield in protest against German nationalism and until the *nazis forced him into exile his savage collages offered a scathing* indictment of war, fascism and the corruption of power. His artistic inspiration was the Dada movement and his political home the German communist party. This portrait uses archive material and dramatic reconstruction to evoke the man and his work, *representing Heartfield as a sort of alternative historian of 20th* century Germany. His pioneering use of photomontage enabled him to get behind surface realism and expose a more uncomfortable realism underneath. No wonder that the nazis got rid of him. He spent the second world war in Britain, a period on *which this film is disappointingly silent. Footage from 1967, the* year before his death, reveals him as animated, passionate and unrepentant
11.30 Film: Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961). Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard star in a sparkling screen version of Truman Capote's *novel about a writer who falls in love with his neighbour, an* eccentric young woman who lives in an exotic social whirl. Directed by Blake Edwards
1.35 Film: Prudence and the Pill (1968) starring David Niven and Deborah Kerr. Lightweight comedy about the complications that *arise after a daughter exchanges her mother's contraceptive pills* for aspirins. Directed by Fielder Cook and Ronald Neame
3.15 Film: Creatures the World Forgot (1970). Much jumping around in furry loincloths, but little else, in this drama of inter-tribal warfare in the Stone Age. Featuring Julie Ege, Brian O'Shaughnessy and *Robert John. Directed by Don Chaffey*
5.05 Adventure. Video collage of adventurous types
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00



John Heartfield's images confront war and fascism (10.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle. First in a new American puppet series for pre-school viewers children 7.30 Dr Snuggles 8.00 A Chuckiewood Easter 8.30 Bobobobs 9.00 Early Bird. Magazine series made by children for children
9.25 Mathfil. Series exploring music from India and Pakistan
10.00 Booml (r)
10.30 Film: The Runaways (1975). Likeable made-for-television family film based on a novel by Victor Canning. Van Williams stars as a young orphan boy escaping from a foster home to befriend a leopard. Directed by Harry Harris
12.00 The Waltons. More adventures with the wholesome country folk
1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w) (r)
1.55 *Fonteyn and Nureyev.* Robert Powell narrates a tribute to the late Dame Margot Fonteyn that celebrates her 17-year partnership with Rudolf Nureyev (r)
3.55 The Two Lives of William Byrd. A documentary with music about a man who was in the difficult position of being both court *composer to the Anglican Elizabeth I, as well as a practising* Roman Catholic. The film features the recent discovery that many of Byrd's Latin texts were actually critical of the monarchy. It culminates in a performance of four of the great Easter motets from Gradualia Book II, sung by the Nonsuch Consort of Voices
4.55 *News summary followed by* The Footsteps Echo. This concluding episode of the series that looks at the wider implications of the Easter story focuses on hope
5.30 The People's Game. A new six-part series tracing the 2,000 year history of football from ancient China to Italia '90
5.45 Gazza's Soccer School. This evening's second new series about football shows Spurs and England star Paul Gascoigne coaching young enthusiasts at Wembley Stadium
6.00 Press Gang. Drama in the newsroom of the *Junior Gazette (r)*
6.30 The Wonder Years. Kevin (Fred Savage) is distressed to realise that he and girlfriend Winnie (Danica McKellar) have grown apart in this pleasantly nostalgic American sitcom
7.00 Fragile Earth: Antarctica's Frozen Waste. Return of the environmental series. Andrew Veitch looks at pressure group Greenpeace's attempts to deter a Japanese whaling fleet from their mission and there is a report on pollution in the Antarctic from the huge McMurdo American military base
8.00 Maestro: Grand Opera and the 19th Century. John Julius Norwich and H.C. Robbins Landon *continue their celebration of* the music of Venice, *filmed entirely on location.* There are performances by the King's Consort and the Orchestra and Chorus of La Fenice Opera



Paul Gascoigne coaches some young enthusiasts (5.45pm)

9.00 *Incident in Judea.*
● CHOICE: This revisionist version of the Pontius Pilate story has been dramatised from a novel by the Soviet writer Mikhail Bulgakov. The book was written in the Stalin era but not published until the late Sixties. Watching *Incident in Judea*, one can see why *Bulgakov uses the crucifixion to draw explicit parallels with the* Stalinist oppression. In this version, Pilate is a party functionary obliged to carry out a death sentence because he lacks the courage to defy his ultimate master. The most subversive act committed by Bulgakov's Jesus figure, here called Yeshua, is to *echo Lenin's prediction that once the revolution has been* established the state will wither away. Under Stalin the opposite happened. A stylish production by Paul Bryers, who wrote the script with Mark Rogers, features John Woodvine as a troubled Pilate, with Mark Rylance as Christ, suffering a bloody death during a thunderstorm
10.15 Elegy: For Those Who Died In the Gulf War. Actor John Bett reads from Hamish Henderson's *Elegies for the Dead in Cyrenaica*
10.20 Film: To Be or Not to Be (1983). First network showing for Mel Brooks's remake of the 1942 Ernst Lubitsch comedy about a Polish theatre group trying to outwit the nazis in occupied Warsaw. Brooks casts himself and wife Anne Bancroft in the lead roles and *alters the story to suit his own brand of less-than-delicate humour.* This new version is enjoyable enough but its comfortable charm is achieved at the expense of the sharp cutting edge of the original. Directed by Alan Johnson
12.20am After Dark. An open-ended discussion on miracles, presented by Tony Wilson. Among the guests is Professor Edward Hall, the scientist who carbon-dated the Turin shroud

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 1.10-4.05 Film: South Pacific 11.25 *The New Avengers 12.25 Soap 12.55* CinemAttractions 1.25 Film: Mischief 3.10 Transmission 4.10 The Twilight Zone 4.35-*5.30 The Silk Road*

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.05-4.05 Film: The Pleasure of His Company 11.25 Prisoner; *Call Block H* 12.20 Quiz Night 12.50 I Spy 1.45 Funny Farm 2.15 Film: Dodsworth 4.10 The ITV Chart Show *5.00-5.30 Jobfinder*

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10-4.05 Film: South Pacific 6.00-6.30 All Clued Up 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block *H* 12.20 Film: Penny Princess 2.05 Comics — The Ninth Art 2.35 The ITV Chart Show 3.35 The Making Of... 4.35-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Granada This Week 1.10 *The Wonderful World of* Disney 2.00 Richmond Hill 3.00 Cartoon Time 3.10 A Month of Sundays 5.05 *Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street* 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25 Quiz Night 12.50 I Spy 1.45 Funny Farm 2.15 Film: Dodsworth 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Clive's Wales 1.10 Wonderful World of Disney 2.00 The West This Week Special 2.30 Here Come the Double Deckers 3.00-4.05 Film: A Lady Mislaid* 6.00-6.30 Who's the Boss? 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25 The ITV Chart Show 1.20 Festivals of the Far East 2.15 The US Pro-Surfing Tour 3.10 Short Story Theatre 3.40-5.30 The Hit Man and Her

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Jimmy's 1.10 Further to my Application 2.00-3.00 Farming Wales

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Starbreaker 1.10-4.05 Film: South Pacific 11.20 In the Heat of the Night 12.25 Quiz Night 12.50 I Spy 1.45 Funny Farm 2.15 Film: Dodsworth 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News followed by The Cat in the Hat 1.10-4.05 Film: South Pacific 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 9.50-10.25 Archbishop — The Worst Job In the World? 11.25 Frank Sinatra: The Voice 12.25 Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 1.25 The ITV Chart Show 2.25 The Munsters Today 2.55 The Twilight Zone 3.30 Books by my Bedside 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Breakthrough 1.10 The Wonderful World of Disney 2.00 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.25 The Back Page 2.55 Cartoon Time 3.05 A Month of Sundays 5.05 What a Way to Make a Living 5.35-6.00 Coronation Street 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25 Quiz Night 12.50 I Spy 1.45 Funny Farm 2.15 Film: Dodsworth 4.10 The ITV Chart Show *5.00-5.30 Jobfinder*

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 The Disney Special 2.00 Requiem 3.00 Cartoon Time 3.10 A Month of Sundays 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.25 Circuit Report 11.55 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.20 Quiz Night 12.50 I Spy 1.45 Funny Farm 2.15 Film: Dodsworth 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10-4.05 Film: South Pacific 11.25 Scrumdown 12.25 For Adults Only 1.50 The ITV Chart Show 2.50 Family Theatre 3.40 Magic, Magic 3.50 Some Call It Jazz 4.20-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 8.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Dr Snuggles 8.00 A Chuckiewood Easter 8.30 Bobobobs 9.00 Early Bird 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Boom! 10.00 Empire 11.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 Actin 1.20 O Bedwar Ben 1.30 Barrw Mawr 1.55 Fonteyn and Nureyev 3.55 Garbage is Garbage Out 4.00 Film: Just William's Luck* 5.45 Stotiniata 6.45 The Three Stooges* 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 Hoi Hen A Holi Lial 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Dihirod Dyfed 9.45 Ffinau 10.15 Short and Curlies: Making Waves 10.30 Incident in Judea 11.45 Elegy 11.50 A Chip Off the Block of Paradise 12.20am After Dark

RTE 1

Starts: 10.05am Here Comes the Cottontail 10.55 Urbi Et Orbi 11.30 Easter Day Mass 12.25 American Century 1.30 Little House on the Prairie 2.20 News followed by Booktime 2.55; Film: Casey's Shadow 5.00 The Shape of the World 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six One Sunday 6.30 Scaoil Amach An Bobailin 7.00 The Cosby Show 7.30 School Around the Corner 8.00 Where in the World 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 Sandy 10.15 Film: The Sugarland Express 12.15 News 12.20 Close

ITV SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The Last Leaf 6.30 Easter Dream 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Shogun: Part one of a four-part mini series 11.00 Falcon Crest 12.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra satellite.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Getaway 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm Target 2.30 David Frost Talks to Norman Schwarzkopf 3.30 Getaway 4.30 Those Were the Days *5.00 Live at Five 6.30 The Reporters 7.30* David Frost Talks to Norman Schwarzkopf 8.30 Target 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 *Target 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Target* 3.30 Getaway 4.30 The Reporters

SKY NEWS

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Getaway *11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm The* Dolmetsch Years 2.30 David Frost Talks to Norman Schwarzkopf 3.30 Getaway 4.30 Documentary: *Choreographer Graham Mur*phy 5.30 Modern Ballet. Folk/Munich Ballet Academy 7.30 Opera: The Barber of Seville 10.30 Beethoven: Christus Am Olberg 11.30 Target 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Target 3.30 Getaway 4.30 The Reporters

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.05am Showcase
8.00 The Tales of Beatrix Potter (1971): Performed by the Royal Ballet Company 9.30 The First Easter Bunny: Cartoon 10.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988): Two rival con-men (Michael Caine and Steve Martin) work the French Riviera 12.00 The Wizard of Oz (1939): Judy Garland follows the yellow brick road 2.00pm The House on Carroll Street (1966): Kelly McGillis endangers her life when she uncovers a secret government conspiracy during the McCarthy era 4.00 1991 Academy Awards: Highlights 6.00 Disorderlies (1987): Musical-comedy about three incompetent hospital orderlies who are hired to look after a dying man 7.40 Projector *8.00 Gorillas in the Mist (1988): The true* story of the late Dian Fossey (Sigourney Weaver), who spent 20 years studying the endangered mountain *gorillas of Africa* 10.05 Mississippi Burning (1988): FBI agents Gene Hackman and Willem Dafoe *investigate Ku Klux Klan activities in the* American Deep South 12.10am Night of the Demons (1987): A *Hallowe'en party in an abandoned funeral* parlour takes a gruesome turn 2.00 Bert Rigby, You're a Fool (1989): *Musical comedy about a north country miner* who dreams of becoming a big star in Hollywood. Starring Robert Lindsay and *Robbie Coltrane* 4.00 Getting It Right (1989): Comedy following the sexual awakening of a 31-year-old virgin (*Jesse Birdsall*). *Ends at 5.40*

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Cartoons 9.00 *Transworld Sport 10.00 Men's European* Cup Basketball 11.00 Sunday Alive: Superboute, Ski-Jumping World Cup Final, *Davis Cup Tennis: Volvo Firenze Open Golf;* European Diving Championships 7.00pm World League of American Football 10.00 *The Game of Billions 11.00 Ski-Jumping* World Cup Final 11.30 Ice Hockey World Championships

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra Satellite.
7.00am Dunhill Cup Golf 8.00 Speedway Ice Racing 9.00 Argentina Football 10.00 Ice Hockey NHL 1991 12.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 1.00pm Powersports 2.00 Pro Boxing 4.00 Go 5.00 Action Auto 5.30 Volvo PGA European Tour 6.30 Weekend Live NBA Basketball 9.00 Weekend Live US PGA. The Players Championships 12.00 Ten Pin Bowling

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 He Shoots! He Scores! 2.45 Spain Spain *International Cuisine 3.00 World Class* Championship Wrestling 4.00 Rocky Jones 4.25 Afternoon Cinema: Mickey 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
12.20pm High, Wild and Free: A photographic salute by George Eastman around Canada's New British Columbia
2.10 Black Beauty (1971): Mark Lester stars in this screen adaptation of Anna Sewell's *classic children's story about a mistreated* black stallion
4.00 The Karate Kid 2 (1986): The teenage *martial arts expert travels to Okinawa with* his wise mentor. Starring Ralph Macchio and Pat Morita
6.00 The Karate Kid 3 (1989): The Kid is blackmailed into confronting his arch-enemy
8.00 Madame Sousatzka (1988): An ageing Russian piano teacher (Shirley MacLaine) meets her match when she tries to direct a talented 15-year-old pupil (Navin Chowdhry)
10.00 Lady Beware (1987): A designer's exotic window displays attract unwanted attention. Starring Diane Lane and Michael Woods
11.55 Deathwish III (1985): Charles Bronson returns as the lone vigilante
*1.35am Intimate Betrayal (1987): A stran*ger from the past makes a young wife suspicious of her husband. Starring Melody Anderson and James Brolin. *Ends at 3.20*

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
11.00am Water-Skiing 12.00 European Cup *Basketball: Kingston in Europe 1.00pm* Scottish Football Magazine 2.00 Live Italian Football 4.30 Boxing 5.15 Supercross 6.15 *British Rugby League 8.00 Scottish Football* 10.00 Fishing the West 11.00 Scottish Football

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
8.00am Twenty hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Sheppard (Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: The Sixteen); Mascagni (Intermezzo, Cavalleria Rusticana: Gothenburg SO); Offenbach (Overture and Ballet Pastoral, Orpheus in the Underworld: Philharmonia) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Spohr (Variations on a Theme from Alruna: ECO); Haydn (Symphony No 45 in F sharp *minor: English Concert);* Beethoven (Sonata in E flat, Op 18a, Les Adieux: Claudio *Arrau, piano)* 8.30 News
8.35 French Baroque Music: Mondonville (In decachordo psalterio); Louis Marchand (Basse de trompette: Thérèse en taille; Plein jeu: Michel Chapuis, organ); *Mondonville* (Venite exultemus: Soloists, Choir of New College, Oxford; London Baroque)
9.15 Glenn Gould: The pianist plays Schoenberg (Piano Concerto, Op 42: NYPO under Mitropoulos); Sweelinck (Fantasia); Mozart (Sonata in C, K 330); Bach (Contrapunctus IV, The Art of Fugue: Glenn Gould, organ)
10.15 Music Weekly
11.00 From the Proms 1990: Royal *Concertgebouw Orchestra* performs Rossini (Overture, Semiramide); Beethoven (Symphony No 1 in C); Prokofiev (Symphony No 3), incl 11.40 Interval Reading (r)
12.30pm Table Music: Musica Antiqua Köln under Reinhard Goebel performs Trio in E flat from Telemann's Tafelmusik
12.45 Table Talk: Die Zabaglione
● CHOICE: First Pushkin, then Shaffer, and now David Owen Norris. The Salieri v Mozart *show is clearly going to run* and run. But will it soon run out of steam? There is a hint of desperation in this latest twist to the mystery of whether Salieri poisoned Mozart. As Neil Mackenzie's Mozart, the dinner guest of *Salieri (Brindley Sherratt)* samples the zabaglione that his host has sprinkled with powdered rhino horn, he warbles: "This unusual confection has resulted in erections!" Musically, this Mozart pastiche is surprisingly pleasing. David Owen Norris displays dazzling dexterity at the harpsichord 1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice: Johann Strauss, son (Overture, Waldmeister; Vienna PO under Maazel); Chopin (*Sonata No 1* in C minor: Vladimir Ashkenazy); Mozart (Lacrimosa dies illa, Requiem, K 626: LPO; London Philharmonic Choir under Welser-Möst); Dvorák (Bagatelles, Op 47: Juilliard String Quartet); Mahler (Kindertotenlieder: Vienna PO under Walter)
2.30 Chamber Music from Birmingham: Alexander Baillie, cello, Andrew Ball, piano, perform Stravinsky (Suite Italienne); Bach (Suite No 4 in E flat, BWV 1010); Schubert (Sonata in A minor, Arpeggione); Fauré (Sonata No 1 in D minor, Op 109). Incl *3.15 Interval Reading*
4.15 London Mozart Players under Jane Glover perform Mozart (Symphony No 24 in B flat, K 182; Concert aria; Alma Grande, K 578); Britten (Les Illuminations, Op 18; Sinfonietta, Op 1) (r)
5.15 Solitude, Exile and Ecstasy: Words by Henry David Thoreau, Hugh MacDiarmid and Glenn Gould, who plays Bach's Goldberg Variations
6.00 Surrexit Pastor Bonus: James Butterworth celebrates the Resurrection of the Good Shepherd
7.00 BBC Scottish SO under Bruno Weil performs Beethoven (Overture, King Stephen); *Mozart (Sinfonia from* Serenade, K 204)
7.30 Sunday Play: Carver, by John Purser. Tom Fleming plays the mid-16th century composer Robert Carver, whose radiant music is compared with the earthiness of his character and the destructive force of the reformation
9.10 Towards the Millenium: CBSO under Simon Rattle performs Sibelius (Night Ride and Sunrise, Op 55); Schoenberg (Erwartung — monodrama, Op 17); Stravinsky (The Firebird — complete), incl 10.00 Interval Reading
10.55 The Road to Emmaus: A *liturgical drama from medieval* Sicily recounting the disciples' meeting with Christ after the Resurrection
11.30 Geminiani (Sonatas for one and two violins from Op 1 and 4: Purcell Quartet)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; *Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55* Weather
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 *On Your Farm: Oliver* Weston breakfasts in Oklahoma 7.40 Sunday, incl *7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10* Sunday Papers
8.50 Gerald Durrell speaks for the *Week's Good Cause on behalf* of the Hawk and Owl Trust, an organisation which is working to save our native birds of prey 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service: A celebration for Easter Day from Liverpool Anglican Cathedral (s)
10.25 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.25 Pick of the Week, with Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Provost of Eton (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Aberporth Flower Arrangers' Club in Dyfed, Wales, put their queries to the panel
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Out By Christmas, by Robert Stuart Tyler. An advertisement in a newspaper develops into a special correspondence for one American soldier in Vietnam, who looks forward to going home for Christmas (s) (r)
3.00 April Fools
● CHOICE: On the eve of the most eventful day in the leg-puller's calendar, Jimmy Mulville has listed some of the best, and worst, japes in recent history. The snag is, there are so many that our jaw *muscles begin to ache* through excessive grimacing. Among the best: the electric eels that became power generators; and the television interference that was caused by stripe of copper alloy in 10,000 rogue brassieres. Among the worst: the disclosure that Mrs Thatcher was moonlighting as a waitress in an East End café; and the cruel trick played on *Times readers by the* newspaper's (former) travel writer (s)
3.30 The Radio Programme (s)
4.00 News; Analysis: From Clogs to Clogs? Peter Hennessy *examines why Britain failed to* benefit from the post-second world war economic boom (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Carol Ann Duffy visits the St Andrew's Poetry Festival (s)
5.00 News; Coastline: In the first of a three-part coastal journey, Cliff Michelmore travels from Calshot on the Solent to Christchurch in Dorset (s)
5.40 Tales of Earth and Water: Nigel Barley begins a five-part anthropological ramble through Indonesia in the city of Jakarta (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 Europhile (r)
7.00 In Business: The Boys from Down Under (s) (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Judith Krantz talks about her new bestseller; and a visit to the London International Book Fair (r)
8.00 Punters: *Listeners report on a* variety of issues (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: A South *African Childhood, by Lily* Herzberg. Read by Margery Mason
9.00 News; Enquire Within, with Dilly Barlow (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 In Their Element: Water. The first of four programmes reflecting personal views of *the elements (s) (r)*
11.00 The First Time: In the first of three programmes, Martin Roberts joins 11 children from Manchester as they spend a week on board an ocean-going yacht in the Irish sea (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Kingdom *of God. The composer Francis* Grier reflects on the last of seven stories of women in the Bible (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM 97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM 88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM 90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travid 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: The Top 20 charts of 1985, 1970 and 1969 2.30 Philip Schofield 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allen 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean says Good Morning *Easter 9.30 Richard Baker with Melodies for* You 11.00 Desmond Carrington: Radio 2 All-Time Greats 1.00pm Richard Murdoch Service. A tribute to the radio comedian from All Souls, Langham Place, London 1.45 A Slight

Travel advice leads drivers into jams

By David Young and Adam Fresco

EASTER holidaymakers who heeded advice from the police and motoring organisations to delay their journeys to avoid the peak period found it did them little good yesterday. The sheer number of late starters merely meant that roads clogged up a few hours later than usual.

AA Roadwatch said: "A lot of people decided to leave it until mid to late morning to set off. They were tempted out by a quiet start to the day."

A lorry driver and a pedestrian were killed in an accident which led to the closure of the M56 in Greater Manchester early yesterday. A police spokesman said that the lorry overturned after hitting a pedestrian on the eastbound carriageway at Sharston, Wythenshawe.

Heavy traffic brought the M25 to a standstill in both directions between the junctions for the M4 and M40 and traffic on the M1 northbound moved at a crawl in Hertfordshire. Another accident occurred at junction 13 of the M25 at Wraysbury, Berkshire, where an articulated lorry crashed through a barrier and fell on to a sliproad. Three other cars were involved and police reported that the southbound carriageway had been closed, causing long tailbacks.

There was a three-mile tailback heading south at the Dartford tunnel and in the Midlands, traffic on the M6 near Birmingham was slow and heavy in both directions.

Salisbury General Infirmary in Wiltshire saw a rush of people suffering from injuries caused by minor road accidents.

A police spokesman said: "The hospital just cannot take any more people because they have not got any beds left. The reason there have been so many accidents is because holidaymakers get impatient standing in traffic – luckily most of the accidents have been minor."

Day-trippers heading for Blackpool were delayed in a six-mile queue from the M6 to the M55 link. The A11 and A45 into Suffolk and Norfolk were also slow because of the weight of traffic and in the West Country the A303 near Stonehenge, Wiltshire, was congested.

Construction teams slowed traffic down on the A1 in Lincolnshire, where they were carrying out work on the Grantham by-pass. A similar problem caused delays in West Yorkshire.

In Scotland congestion was reported on the A82, one of the main routes to the Highlands, on the stretch that runs alongside Loch Lomond. Roads out of Edinburgh, and approaching the Forth Road Bridge, were also clogged. The main A74 Carlisle-Glasgow route was busy with northbound English holiday traffic.

However, no snarl-ups in Britain came close to rivalling traffic queues between Hanover and Berlin in Germany, which stretched for up to 55 miles.

Heathrow handled 100,000 departing passengers yesterday – slightly fewer than on Thursday – and Gatwick dealt with 30,000, 50 per cent above a normal day.

The London weather centre said temperatures would be near average for the whole of the country today and tomorrow. A mixture of cloud and sunshine is expected in the south but in the north it will be more overcast with rain.

Some rail passengers face longer journeys because Waterloo station in London is virtually closed over Easter, while signalling work under way at the time of the Clapham disaster is finished. Train travellers also face delays in the Midlands as work continues to repair a main line north of Lichfield, Staffordshire, damaged in a goods train derailment.

After the news . . . the Good News

By Michael Horsnell

THE word of God, or at least an invitation to come to church to hear it, was delivered not by a peal of bells but by radio commercials yesterday – somewhere between the advertisements for a new car and a new carpet.

The Church of England, taking advantage of the new broadcasting act which allows religious groups to advertise but not proselytise, got off to an optimistic start with a soft-sell campaign in the dioceses of Lichfield, the country's largest, and Oxford. The Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, said that if the advertisements encouraged one more person to come to church this Easter, then it would all have been worthwhile.

The advertisement was devised by GRF Christian Radio in Glasgow at an undisclosed cost. Listeners heard them on the Oxford commercial station Fox FM while the aptly named Beacon Radio spread the word in Lichfield. Two children discuss what goes on beyond the lychgate:

They get down on their knees.

You're kidding.

No, I'm not. They do.

Well, they must be getting paid for it then.

No. There's no money in it.

Well, then someone's forcing them to go.

No, no-one's forcing them.

I've got it. It's just a habit.

No, it's not that either.

So why do they go to church then?

I'm not sure, but I think there's something they're not telling us.

A male voice adds: "This Easter the Church of England in your area would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family." The Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Rev Keith Sutton, said: "If responsible advertising can help communicate the good news of the Christian faith with an emphasis on the local church then I am going to rejoice."

ARTHUR THOMSON



Boy soldier: Prince Harry and his father watching the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkhas exercise on Salisbury Plain yesterday. The Prince of Wales is Colonel-in-Chief

Lawson quits bank to finish book

NIGEL Lawson is to give up his job with the investment banking arm of Barclays Bank, where he works two days a week (Ross Tieman writes). The former Chancellor wants to spend more time working on his book, the bank said.

Mr Lawson hopes to publish his book after the next general election, and the signs of urgency may be seen in some quarters as an indication that he expects the next election to take place as early as June.

Although Mr Lawson remains a non-executive director of Barclays Bank and Barclays plc, its parent holding company, he is likely to face a considerable drop in salary. When he was appointed to the Barclays board on February 1 last year, there was speculation that he would earn £100,000 a year. The bank's non-executive employees earn little more than £30,000 a year.

The MP would have earned most of his salary for his advisory work at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the bank's investment banking and securities business.

Yeltsin stakes claim to power in new union

By Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

BORIS Yeltsin, the leader of the Russian Federation, yesterday claimed his a share of power in a new style of Soviet Union but retreated from his earlier confrontational stance to propose an all-party coalition to tackle the country's problems. He was also forced, by a determined Communist offensive, to dilute his plan for a directly elected Russian president.

Speaking a day after an estimated 200,000 Muscovites defied a big show of military and police force to demonstrate their support for him, Mr Yeltsin yesterday delivered the main address at the Russian Congress of People's Deputies which opened on Thursday.

Deputies from the Communist party and the conservative "Russia" faction combined to block any discussion of the post of a Russian president and will probably ensure that the congress, scheduled to end on Tuesday, can take no serious decisions.

This political stalemate in the congress might be one reason for Mr Yeltsin's decision to take no risks in his speech. He appeared even to back down from some of his more belligerent recent statements, saying that he had made mistakes and that he wanted an end to confrontation with the centre.

Although Mr Yeltsin's mooted coalition government is not new, since he first proposed it last summer, he yesterday gave more details of how it should be constituted and sought the backing of the congress to strengthen his hand. "There must be a decisive change in the system of power in the republic and at the centre," he said. "Today's political structure cannot guarantee the implementation of an anti-crisis programme." What was needed was a broad democratic coalition to include all political parties and workers' and social movements.

He called on the centre to renounce the use of force and sought a "real separation of powers" between party and government, and between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the administration.

Mr Yeltsin's speech disappointed many delegates and members of the public who heard it live on the radio. They said it offered few new ideas for giving the Russian Federation and its government real power compared with the centre. The speech also lacked much of the fire of others Mr Yeltsin has made at recent political meetings. Some people pointed out, however, that the speech was that of a national leader.

Mr Yeltsin did not renew his call for President Gorbachev's resignation, but seemed almost to write him off. "We have not been living through perestroika, but in the last phase of stagnation," he said.

Ukraine exit, page 9

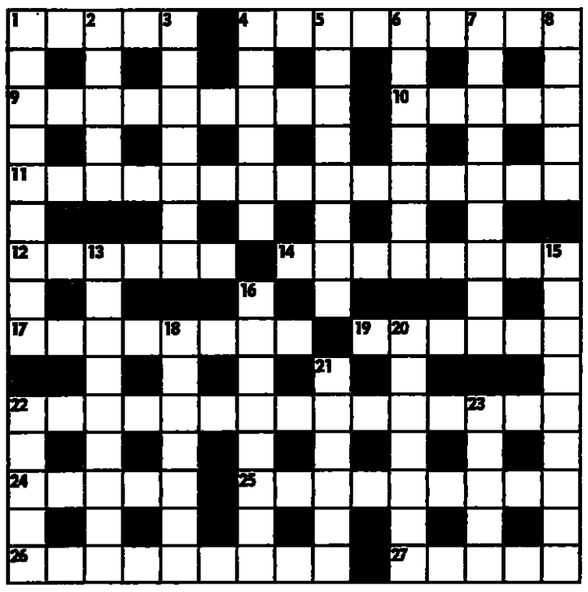
I'm sorry, general tells Bush

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Saddam's forces overran the town with tanks, missiles and heavy artillery. In the north, Kurds were said to have retreated from Kirkuk, but were planning a new drive to regain the city. Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, appealed to the world to act quickly "to stop the dictator from annihilating our people".

However, with tens of thousands of government forces redeployed to fight the Kurds, there were signs that the Shia rebellion in the south had taken on new life. Allied military sources expected the rebellion to drag on for months as the depleted Iraqi army was moved from one end of the country to the other. One American official said: "It's like the kid trying to plug three holes in the dam with two fingers. When he moves one, another opens."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,567



ACROSS

1 A doctor is about to see feet (5)
4 Copper wire's not untidy when sheathed (9)
9 Giuseppe, for example, drooling idiotically about the end of Venice (9)
10 During Lent, university produces German drama (5)
11 Miss Morland longed for this: grant her one baby to rock (10, 5)
12 Profit from ticket (6)
14 Queen to arrive in state (8)
17 Relax with story before a contest (3, 5)
19 It's tough at university to be short of money (4, 2)
22 Refuse to speed? (3, 4, 4, 4)
24 Cook's energy (5)
25 Associates have fallen out in anger (9)
26 Gentle and moving, but not straightforward (9)
27 Distributed among wide alternatives (5)

DOWN

1 Officer at first governing normally (2, 7)
2 So-called style of house (5)
3 Snuff is mellower, nonetheless (7)
4 One receiving social benefit in small measure is right to hold on (6)
5 Old raider calls boy up (8)
6 Argument over some muslin (7)
7 Legendary murderer with dirty hair (9)
8 Guard failing to open gate (5)
13 Way of handling meat that's rotten – put it in the river (9)
15 Newspaper excluding esoteric subject (9)
16 Brief in a hard case like this (8)
18 Hearing the sound of surf from Sydney beach, I dropped out with husband (7)
20 Cause surprise in the matter of a German connection (7)
21 Sank like shrimps, maybe (6)
22 Take one step off the track (5)
23 Map-makers' alias for Japanese city (5)

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,561

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,566

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Name/Address.....

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ORTHOEPY
a. Bird-watching
b. Fussing about trivialities
c. Correct pronunciation

ACEPHALOUS
a. An unstressed syllable
b. Headless
c. Sister of Bucephalus

DACTYLOGRAM
a. Manuscript
b. A fingerprint
c. Pigeon post

FULSTRUM
a. A zither plectrum
b. Unpurified coarse rum
c. A decapitated cone

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

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East Midlands	712
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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 6.30 pm to 6.40 am
Bristol 6.39 pm to 6.49 am
Edinburgh 7.46 pm to 6.48 am
Manchester 6.40 pm to 6.46 am
Penzance 6.50 pm to 7.2 am

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: J C Cowling, Windermere Court, Windermere Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex; W J Penn, Archery Fields House, Wharton Street, London; J V Jones, Hafod Lon, Rhiwlas, Nr Bangor, Gwynedd; F W Hill, Wood Lane, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham; J A Read, Hamilton Road, Walthamstow, London.

WEATHER

Southern Scotland, Northern Ireland and parts of northern England and north Wales will have a cloudy day with some rain, dying out later. Brighter in Northern Scotland. South Wales and southern England will stay dry with some sunshine in southeast England. Outlook: becoming unsettled with some rain in north but dry in south until Monday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	12	54	c	Malta	19	66	s
Alcrotiri	28	82	s	Melb'rne	27	81	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Miami*	28	82	s
Athens	18	64	f	Milan	10	50	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Montreal*	8	46	c
Barbads*	29	84	s	Moscow	0	32	c
Barcelna	14	57	s	Naples	15	59	f
Belgrade	6	43	c	N Delhi	33	91	s
Bermuda*	20	68	s	N York*	23	73	s
Biarritz	13	55	s	Nice	12	54	c
Borda'x	12	54	s	Oslo	4	39	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Paris	9	48	s
Cape Tn	35	95	s	Perth	21	70	f
C'blanca	18	64	f	Rhodes	18	64	c
Corfu	16	61	f	Rio de J	22	72	c
Dublin	7	45	c	Riyadh	27	81	s
Dubrovnik	12	54	c	Rome	13	55	f
Faro	17	63	c	S F'risco*	13	55	c
Florence	10	50	s	Sing'por	29	84	f
Frankfurt	8	43	f	St'kholm	10	50	s
Funchal	17	63	f	Sydney	26	79	s
Geneva	8	43	s	Tangier	16	61	c
Gibraltar	16	61	c	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Helsinki	8	46	s	Tenerife	17	63	c
Hong K	19	66	c	Tokyo	12	54	c
Istanbul	9	48	f	Toronto*	5	41	f
Jo'burg*	22	72	f	Tunis	18	64	s
L Palmas	17	63	c	Valencia	17	63	s
Lisbon	17	63	s	Vanc'ver*	10	50	f
Locarno	12	54	s	Venice	10	50	f
Luxor	36	97	s	Vienna	2	36	c
Madrid	16	61	s	Wash'ton*	26	79	s
Majorca	17	63	s	Zurich	8	37	c

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.9	-	10	50	sunny
Anglesey	1.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Aviemore	8.0	-	12	54	sunny
Belfast	7.9	-	12	54	sunny
Birmingham	1.7	-	11	52	bright
Blackpool	1.3	-	12	54	bright
Bristol	7.8	-	14	57	sunny
Buxton	0.8	-	8	46	cloudy
Cardiff	9.0	-	13	55	sunny
Douglas	1.0	-	10	50	cloudy
Edinburgh	5.8	-	10	50	sunny
Eskdalemuir	0.5	-	8	46	cloudy
Glasgow	9.5	-	11	52	sunny
Kinloss	6.1	-	9	48	sunny
Leeds	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Lerwick	7.2	-	10	50	sunny
Lowestoft	2.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Minehead	9.1	-	12	54	sunny
Morecambe	1.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Nottingham	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Scarborough	0.3	-	7	45	cloudy
Shanklin	9.3	-	12	54	sunny
Stornoway	6.5	-	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	9.7	-	12	54	sunny
Wick	9.0	-	9	48	sunny

These are Thursday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.325	2.175
Austria Sch	21.70	20.30
Belgium Fr	64.05	60.05
Canada $	2.125	1.975
Denmark Kr	11.91	11.21
Finland Mkk	7.39	6.94
France Fr	10.49	9.84
Germany Dm	3.10	2.90
Greece Dr	335	315
Hong Kong $	14.15	13.15
Ireland Pr	1.18	1.09
Italy Lira	2315	2175
Japan Yen	259	242
Netherlands Gld	3.495	3.285
Norway Kr	12.05	11.35
Portugal Esc	270.25	254.25
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
Spain Pta	192	179
Sweden Kr	11.19	10.51
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.47
Turkey Lira	6950	6150
USA $	1.825	1.705
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.00	28.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Cardiff, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, 07C (45F); highest rainfall: no rain; highest sunshine: Poole, Dorset, 10.8 hr.

MARKET REPORT

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 02C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.2 hr.

HOLIDAYS

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, -05C (23F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.8 hr.

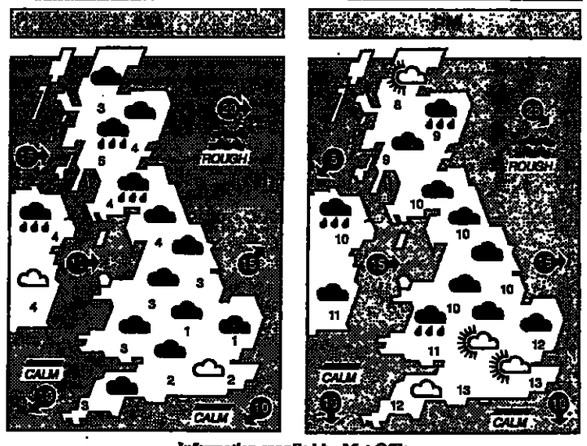
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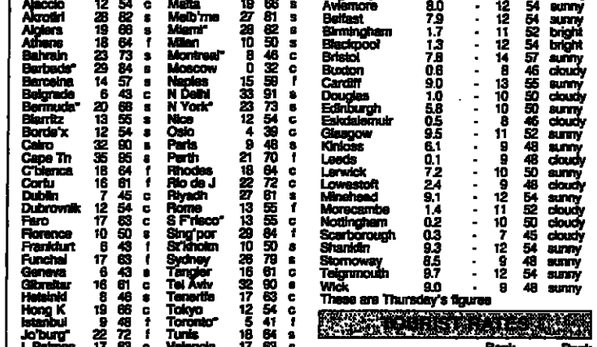
TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	Ht
London Bridge	1.41	7.1	2.8	7.4
Aberdeen	1.10	4.1	1.16	4.3
Avonmouth	7.13	13.4	7.34	13.4
Belfast	10.59	3.6	11.30	3.3
Cardiff	6.58	12.3	7.19	12.4
Dover	11.4	6.4	11.20	6.7
Falmouth	5.21	5.4	5.43	5.3
Hull	6.15	7.3	6.18	7.7
Ilfracombe	5.56	9.2	6.15	9.2
Leith	2.25	5.5	2.42	5.7
Liverpool	11.13	9.5	11.33	9.4
Lowestoft	9.25	2.3	9.30	2.5
Newquay	4.58	7.1	5.18	7.0
Oban	5.41	4.0	6.5	3.9
Southampton	10.48	4.5	11.12	4.6
W'ton-on-Nze	11.49	4.1	11.58	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

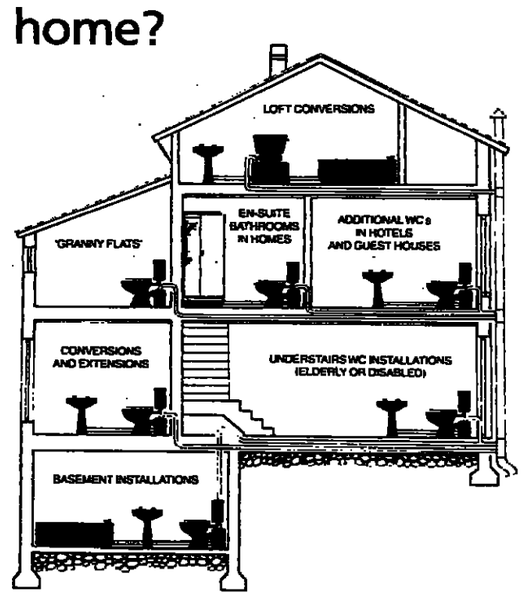


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TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	5.42 am	6.30 pm		6.40 am	7.31 pm
	Moon sets: 5.15 am	Moon rises: 7.18 pm		Moon sets: 6.31 am	Moon rises: 9.32 pm
	Full moon 7.17 am			Last quarter April 7.	

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Japanese lose top positions in Eurobond market

By NEIL BENNETT
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THE Japanese dominance of the Eurobond markets was shattered in the first quarter of this year as Tokyo securities houses lost their lead in the Eurobond tables to the Americans and Europeans.

The value of Eurobond issues soared 66 per cent to $74.4 billion, partly compensating for a plunge of more than half in the European syndicated loan market.

Nomura, the world's largest securities house, fell from top place to third in the league table of Eurobond lead managers for the first time in several years, according to figures compiled by Euromoney Bondware, the capital market information service. Nomura was overtaken by Morgan Stanley, up from 18th place.

The fall was related to the slump in the Tokyo stock market last year, which has made it almost impossible to launch equity warrants attached to bonds. Nomura completed issues worth $6.02 billion in the three months, against Morgan Stanley's total of $7.09 billion.

Other Japanese securities firms suffered similarly. Daiwa slipped from fourth to sixth place, Nikko from seventh to tenth and Yamaichi from tenth to eleventh.

European currency issues dominated the quarter. Total ecu issues almost quadrupled from $4.4 billion to $16.1 billion, helping Paribas, the French bank, which dominates the ecu bond market, rise to second place as it lead-managed issues worth $6.46 billion.

The surge in issues helped to compensate for a plunge in the loan syndication market. The total of syndicated loans fell 52 per cent to $59.5 billion. This confirms City reports that many syndicated loans are difficult or impossible to complete and that interest margins are widening to tempt banks back into the market.

The British loan market was particularly badly hit. The amount raised by British companies fell by 88 per cent to $2.91 billion in the first quarter, down from $23.8 billion in the same period last year.

American banks continue to lead the syndication business, with Chemical Bank, Citicorp and Bank of America at the top.

Meanwhile, merger activity recovered sharply in Britain in the first quarter despite the recession. The worldwide volume of completed deals, according to a survey by Securities Data Company, an American group, fell by 27 per cent to $70.4 billion as the number of deals fell from 2,114 to 1,715.

The value of completed British bids surged 58 per cent to $25.7 billion although the number of transactions fell by 122 to 266. Securities Data's figures were boosted by the dollar's weakness in the period.

The resurgence in British activity, however, shows that companies are taking advantage of low asset prices to look for buys. Merger activity is expected to increase further this year as companies commit the funds raised from rights issues.

The sharp downturn in world activity was mainly caused by a plunge in American business. There the value of transactions fell 57 per cent to $23.2 billion. Continental European merger volumes were healthy, particularly in the cross-border stake-buying sector.

The largest deal of the quarter was the $7.46 billion merger of Nationale-Nederlanden and NMB Postbank, the Dutch insurance company and bank.

The slump in American business means British merchant banks are well placed in the global mergers and acquisitions league. Goldman Sachs, which completed 25 deals worth $8 billion, leads but the next three places are filled by British institutions: Lazard Partners, Schroders and SG Warburg, which advised on 52 transactions.

Lazard Partners also topped the league of cross-border business, completing nine deals worth $10.9 billion. This confirms its pre-eminence in cross-border work, helped by the Lazard Freres firms in Paris and New York.

Domestic merchant banks continue to dominate the British M&A field. Kleinwort Benson topped the league table, with three deals worth $4.2 billion. The bank moved into top position due to its flotation of National Power and PowerGen. It was followed by Warburg and Schroders.

MONEY

Budget deadlines approach

March 31: Last chance to make purchases while VAT is still charged at 15 per cent. From Monday the new rate is 17.5 per cent. The lower rate will also be paid on services, whenever they are received, so long as they are invoiced before April 1.

April 5: The capital gains tax annual exemption limit is raised to £5,500 from next Saturday. Investors should make sure they have used their 1990-1 limit of £5,000 before then. Employees provided with mobile telephones also have until then to make all their personal calls tax-free.

Some investors who have taken out personal equity plans (Peps) this week to beat the tax year-end deadline will still have to pay VAT..... Page 27

Chocs away



Dominic Cadbury is the last in his line to run Cadbury Schweppes. But he tells Carol Leonard it is not a family business and that his name did not help him to the top..... Page 25

Rates on hold

While bank and building society lending rates are falling, those for credit cards and personal loans remain as high as they did when base rates reached 15 per cent..... Page 27

Care scheme

A new scheme to help elderly people pay for long stay care in nursing homes was launched this week by Eagle Star. Others are on the way..... Page 28

Swap losses

People hoping to save money on estate agents fees are facing losses as property exchange agencies go under..... Page 29

Spring rush

Spring sunshine has brought a rush of mortgage offers, including a fixed rate 2.75 per cent lower than the new standard mortgage rates that come into force on Monday..... Page 29

HK trusts top

Funds investing in Hong Kong top the unit trust tables for one year. What is their future under Chinese rule?..... Page 29

Your letters



When banks return to providing a service in return for holding our money customers will fall into the modern business practices they want us to adopt, says one reader. The debate on whether the Nationwide mortgage offer to new borrowers is fair to existing customers continues and the way annuities are calculated is questioned..... Page 30

Scottish sale

The Scottish power flotations require a separate registration from their English counterparts. The deadline will be announced soon, along with the benefits..... Page 30

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Halifax sets debt collectors on defaulters

By LINDSAY COOK AND BARBARA ELLIS

THE Halifax, Britain's biggest building society, is taking tough action against mortgage defaulters who have handed in their keys because their homes are worth less than outstanding loans.

The society is using a debt collection agency to locate people who have surrendered properties after their value fell below that of the outstanding mortgage.

Legal actions are planned against a number of former borrowers for losses that the society has incurred on repossessed properties.

Halifax says: "We draw the distinction between those who can't pay and those who can pay but won't pay. Those who have handed in keys and walked away from the commitment are being actively pursued."

Other lenders have already taken action against borrowers who have walked away from losses. The Woolwich has already sued some former borrowers and members of the Council of Mortgage Lenders are swapping information on people who default on mortgages.

They want to make sure that people cannot walk easily away from a loss and buy another property with a mortgage from another lender.

In most cases, the borrower could also be pursued through the courts by the insurance companies that provided indemnity policies on their loans.

Jim Birrell, the chief executive of the Halifax, said: "In cases of a court order for possession or voluntary surrender of the mortgage property if a loss is sustained, the Halifax will take legal action for recovery of the loss under the personal covenant where it is considered people can pay.

"This will not be considered, however, where real hardship would be involved, or in cases involving long-term illness, or if the situation was caused by circumstances beyond the borrower's control, such as redundancy.

"We do not consider it is fair that investors and other borrowers who are keeping up payments should subsidise losses on possessions in the circumstances outlined."

The society has not had to sue former borrowers in the past because the value of homes had usually remained higher than the mortgage, plus any arrears and costs. A spokesman said that the numbers involved were small.

The fall in property values since the summer of 1988 — by as much as 20 per cent in the Southeast and East Anglia — has encouraged a small number of borrowers to surrender their properties rather than continue paying. In some cases, they have returned to rented accommodation but others have bought further properties.

Frank Bartlett, the head of lending services at the Woolwich, said: "A small number have been sued so far. We are looking to pursue those cases as and when losses are crystallised."

It is only when the properties taken into possession are sold that the lender can work out the deficit and take proceedings against the borrower. There was a dramatic increase in the number of properties repossessed in the last few months of last year. Many of these will not yet have been sold.

Mr Bartlett continued: "Lenders are looking to take a firmer line now. In the past, they might have shrugged their shoulders about a loss."

About half the properties that are taken into possession involve the voluntary handing over of keys.

However, Mark Boleat, the director general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, reported last year that it was possible to have a possession without arrears.

He said: "The owner has no equity and wants to move and decides to throw in the keys. It does not happen very often. We would not pursue if there was no point in doing so. But we would if they have taken advantage of market conditions and have bought a property as an investment that has not worked out, or if they are looking to buy another property."

Ian Darby, the marketing director of John Charcol, a mortgage broker, said that the insurance companies offering indemnity policies were also suffering as 1,000 homes a week were being repossessed. He said: "Premiums will have to increase and they will choose to pursue borrowers eventually."

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Raising the stakes: Martin Edwards, chief executive, whose diluted holding may be worth £10m after flotation

Flotation is still Man Utd's goal

By MARTIN BARROW

MANCHESTER United is pressing ahead with plans for a stock market listing before the end of the football season, despite the uncertainty surrounding the future of Tottenham Hotspur plc, its quoted first division rival.

Advisers have been appointed and the likely date for a public offering is the end of next month. Professor Roland Smith, the Manchester-born chairman of British Aerospace, is expected to be named non-executive chairman.

United has been encouraged to press on with the flotation by ideal market conditions and the club's good showing in the domestic Rumbelows Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup, which has boosted attendances and substantially increased revenue from advertising and television.

Success on the pitch has guaranteed that United will reverse last season's pre-tax loss of £3.1 million, which included a transfer deficit of £5.2 million. Because of the proximity of the flotation to the club's July year-end, there is likely to be a forecast promising profits of between £3.5 million and £4 million. The European semi-final is expected to generate revenues of £1 million.

Henry Ansbacher, United's merchant bank, is retained as financial adviser, despite its role in the controversial events of less than two years ago, when the businessman Michael Knighton attempted to buy control of the club from Martin Edwards, chief executive, and his family. Mr Knighton was forced to abandon the bid after several weeks of wrangling. United's stockbrokers are Smith New Court and the provincial firms of Wise Speke and Charlton Seal.

United emphasises that the principal reason for obtaining a listing is to raise about £6 million towards the redevelopment of the Stretford end of Old Trafford, the football ground.

However, the flotation will also enable Mr Edwards, who will become full-time chief executive, to unlock some of his investment in the club, although advisers are reluctant to say how much money he will raise. His stake is expected to be diluted from 51 to 20-25 per cent, leaving the board with less than 40 per cent. The intention is to split remaining shares evenly between institutions and small shareholders. With an estimated capitalisation of between £35 million and £40 million, Mr Edwards' reduced stake could still be worth up to £10 million.

With the spotlight firmly on the problems at Tottenham, United's balance sheet and corporate aims will be under scrutiny. The club expects to come to the market free of debt, unlike Tottenham, and will pledge not to diversify beyond its core business of football and Old Trafford's sizeable support services.

Index jump fuels optimism in US

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE US Commerce Department's index of leading indicators rose 1.1 per cent in February, the first monthly increase in eight months, adding to post-Gulf optimism about an early end to the recession.

The increase, which followed a fall of 0.5 per cent in January, largely reflected rising share prices, which accounted for over half the improvement. Increases in money supply, construction permits and consumer expectations also boosted the index.

The successful military offensive in the Gulf sent Wall Street higher and restored consumer confidence in America to a greater extent than in Europe. But economists are wary about reading too much into jumps in the index, which has signalled false dawns in the past.

☐ The dollar clawed back some of its overnight losses against the mark in New York to close at DM1.6965 in thin trading, having fallen sharply on Thursday after touching DM1.72 in Europe, a one-year high. In New York, the pound closed at $1.7510, compared with its close in London of $1.7365 on Thursday.

Heathrow dispute still unresolved

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

WITH five days to go before United Airlines is due to begin services to Heathrow in place of Pan Am, there was still no formal agreement last night over the timing of its take-off and landing slots.

Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, was in regular negotiations aimed at ensuring that his airline — which was offered only a fraction of the number of slots he had sought — could also fly across the Atlantic from the crowded airport.

"I do not think it will be resolved until Tuesday" he said. "I am reasonably confident that we will be able to reach a satisfactory conclusion that will not disrupt the plans of the travelling public."

United, which plans to land early on Thursday morning after an overnight flight from Washington, would not comment on the wrangle that has led to threats of court action and demands for a change in the method of distributing slots among competing airlines. Although a compromise is likely to be reached, the future of the airlines' scheduling committee is in doubt.

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America to name Saddam fronts

By ANGELA MACKAY

BRITISH companies being investigated by a financial detective agency seeking Saddam Hussein's network of global investments can be divided into three intersecting groups established over the past six years.

One can be traced directly to Al-Arabi Trading, a Baghdad holding company. The other two were involved in producing machine parts and tools for manufacturing weapons or front companies for middle-men who put the Saddam regime in touch with arms makers.

Kroll, the Wall Street investigators, have identified 32 British companies involved in Saddam's investment strategy. The firm, hired by the Kuwaiti government to track Saddam's allegedly illicit investments, said the dictator and his family had skimmed at least $1 billion off government deals. However, Jawad Hashim, a former Iraqi planning minister, suggested yesterday in *The Times* that Saddam could have gained as much as $33 billion from these activities.

Building on Kroll's findings, the Office of Foreign Asset Control, an arm of the US Treasury, will publish on Monday a list of more than 100 companies that have acted as fronts for Saddam. A US Treasury spokeswoman said the authorities would move to freeze the companies' assets and block bank accounts.

One of the main figures in the British network of companies, Anees Mansour Wadi, had his American assets frozen last week. Some British companies involved — Matrix Churchill, in Britain and America, and Newcast Foundaries — have been sold to non-Iraqi interests recently. Others have been dissolved, such as Admincheck, run by Mr Wadi and Roy Ricks, his associate. Most of the people involved in the complicated network have disappeared. Some, however, have been arrested for illegal export of nuclear triggers.

The Al-Arabi group of companies included Matrix Churchill and Newcast, along with Technology & Development Group, TMG Engineering and Eurosabre. The main characters involved are Dr Safa Al-Habobi, the former head of Nassr State Enterprise, Iraq's biggest procurement agency, Hana Paul Jon, Adnan Al-Amiri, Robert Kambar Khoshaba and Dr Fadel Jawad Kadhum.

This group overlaps those involved in Meed International, Caldecott Ltd in the Channel Islands, Advanced Electronics Developments, Admincheck, TEG Ltd, RWR International and RWR International Commodities, IPC International, Investacast Precision Castings Ltd, Arch Ice Ltd, and Becote Engineering. The two directors named repeatedly in Companies House are Mr Ricks and Mr Wadi who dealt with Mr Al-Habobi.

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Attwoods will buy Mears

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ATTWOODS, the waste management group, is to strengthen its position in the sand and gravel market in the south of England through a purchase worth £20.3 million, funded by an issue of American depository receipts (ADRs) to American investors.

The acquisition of Ebenezer Mears, a private mineral extractor, which also owns three solid waste landfill sites, is being carried out through an option to purchase the share capital. The option will be exercised next month.

This arrangement gives Attwoods time to complete the Securities and Exchange Commission filing required for the ADR issue before announcing the deal.

Mears made pre-tax profits of £1.1 million in 1989. Unaudited pre-tax profits for the ten months to the end of last October were £500,000.

The ADR issue will increase the American shareholding in Attwoods from about 15 to about 23 per cent. The ADRs represent 18.4 million ordinary shares.

The company also plans to move its American quotation from Nasdaq to the New York Stock Exchange.

THE POUND

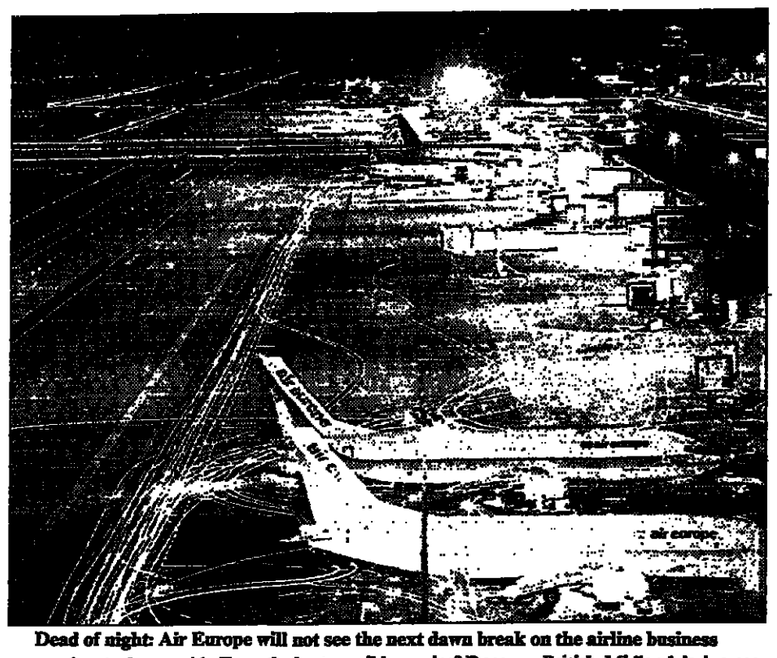
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Who can survive the airline roller-coaster?

From its state of euphoria of three years ago, the aviation world is now plumbing the depths. Harvey Elliott reports



Dead of night: Air Europe will not see the next dawn break on the airline business

THE unending roller-coaster ride from good times to bad, to which the world's airlines are strapped, is once more running full tilt downhill.

Even in the best of times, such as the boom year of 1988, the combined profits of the 200 main airlines were less than $1.6 billion, a net return on revenue of just 2 per cent.

In any other industry this would be regarded as scant return. For the airlines, however, it triggered a huge buying spree, with orders placed for 1,600 new jets.

Now, all that euphoria has disappeared. The effects of the Gulf war brought overnight catastrophe to an industry already suffering more than most from crippling interest rates and the world recession. Once the allies moved in on Iraq, seat sales nosedived. The number of Japanese travelling to Europe fell by 73 per cent in the first few weeks, while trans-Atlantic travel slumped by 30 per cent.

All of which has left more than 800 modern aircraft seeking a home in the rapidly contracting market. Airlines which seemed secure only six months ago have either been forced out of business or are struggling to cut costs. Just to fund interest payments on the jets they had bought required high cash flow.

Banks, who had been willing to fund the expansion plans of most carriers, suddenly began asking when they were going to be repaid. For Air Europe, among others, it became too much and they were forced out of business.

In the midst of this gloom the British government decided to open up Heathrow, allowing two of the three remaining strong US carriers, plus Virgin Atlantic, to compete with British Airways.

In Europe, politicians push to abolish duty free sales worth $700 million a year to the airlines, impose VAT on air fares, increase security costs and ensure that any newcomer, however small, can fly in direct competition on the few profitable routes.

So loud have been the squeals from the industry that pressure is now building for a complete review of Britain's commercial aviation policy.

Is competition, with everyone making bigger and bigger losses, really the way to provide the travelling public with the best possible service? Does it make sense for Heathrow to be kept as the main London airport while Gatwick degenerates into a "bucket and spade" charter base? Should Stansted receive the support necessary to prevent its becoming a costly white elephant?

Such questions need to be addressed urgently. Until they are the industry can only clutch at the few straws that suggest the roller-coaster may soon begin to climb again.

Dan Air, for example, which came within 12 hours of becoming bankrupt at the end of last year, is now emerging as a significant force at Gatwick and is pressing the government to give it all the abandoned Air Europe routes.

Virgin Atlantic, which has fought a spirited battle for access to Heathrow airport, is refusing to be tempted into a too rapid expansion.

British Midland is increasing its importance as a feeder airline for international carriers flying into Heathrow.

British Airways is dropping costly aircraft, such as the Tri-star, delaying purchase of new jets and dropping uneconomic services.

British charter airlines that remain after the collapse of Air Europe are now virtually guaranteed high loads as supply almost exactly matches demand.

None of this will mean anything, however, unless scheduled passengers begin booking seats again, and in very large numbers.

Few observers doubt that the upheavals of recent months will result in only a few big international airlines remaining backed up by small "niche" carriers.

The question is, which of today's dwindling number will be there tomorrow.

Get staff ready for Europe, says CBI

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH companies should make more effort to familiarise themselves and their employees with the differing customs of European Community countries before sending people to work there, the Confederation of British Industry says today.

Many British companies are doing a good job in adjusting their employees to working, or even fully relocating, in other parts of Europe, says the CBI, but, with the completion of the single market looming at the end of 1992, more will have to be done.

Sue Shortland, head of the CBI's employee relocation group, said: "Training employees about different customs has been a part of corporate strategy for many years, particularly for those who are going to work in the Middle East or Far East.

"Less attention has been paid to the cultural differences in Europe. Working in Spain or Italy for example can be quite different from working in the UK."

As an example, the CBI says that when an Englishman touches his thumb with his forefinger in the shape of an O, it means "OK". If he makes the same gesture to a man in Japan it means "money". A Frenchman would interpret it as "it's free", and the message he would convey to a Tunisian is: "I want to kill you."

The CBI says that language training is of key importance for employees and companies living and working outside of the UK. But there are also difficulties for expatriates who do not know the property markets overseas, or in companies not being innovative enough in the packages they offer to relocate employees.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Antares share issue to raise £815,000

ANTARES, the fuel distribution and engineering group formerly known as United Guarantee, is to raise about £815,000 net by issuing 92.5 million ordinary shares at 1p each. Barry Giddings, chairman, said raising new equity was "a matter of some urgency". The shares fell from 2¼p to 1¼p.

The shares have been conditionally placed by Hambros Bank and Williams de Broë, the broker. The placing, subject to shareholders' approval, was launched after a pre-tax loss of £1.5 million for the second successive year. Extraordinary losses on the sale of American oil and gas interests increased this to £1.9 million. The continuing losses have reduced net assets from £2.4 million at end-1989 to just £105,000 at the end of last year. There is again no dividend. Without the placing Mr Giddings says the company would have little choice but to cease trading.

Profits halve at Plasmec

PLASMEC, the diversified manufacturer, announced a 52 per cent slump in pre-tax profits from £664,220 to £317,575 for the year to end-December. Sales rose 7.3 per cent to £11.24 million (£10.48 million) but operating costs rose 13 per cent, leaving operating profits at £554,979 (£1.02 million). A final dividend of 1.8p makes a total of 3.6p (5p).

Investment firm dips

MURRAY Ventures, the equity investment arm of Murray Johnstone, reports a negative return on net assets of 17.8 per cent for the six months to end-January. The negative return on the FTA All-Share index was 7.5 per cent. Net asset value was 272.2p (366.2p). Pre-tax revenue was £1.72 million (£1.77 million). The interim dividend is 3.4p (3.25p).

Gibbs and Dandy hit

BAD debts and interest charges have produced a first pre-tax loss for Gibbs and Dandy, the Luton builders' merchant. A deficit of £422,000 for the year to end-December compares with a pre-tax profit of £172,000 for 1989. Turnover increased 5.6 per cent to £26.1 million and gross profits by 8.8 per cent to £6.6 million, but operating expenses rose £1 million, including an increase in bad debts of £400,000.

The high level of borrowings and interest rates caused a rise in the interest charge from £509,000 to £647,000. John Dandy, the chairman, gave warning that the recession in construction "has not bottomed out and this year may prove even more difficult than 1990". There is no interim or final dividend, compared with a 2p payout last year.

Bilston down to £336,000

BILSTON & Battersea Enamels, manufacturer of hand-painted decorative products, reported taxable profits down from £565,000 to £336,000 last year on static turnover of £4.83 million after a sharp decline in demand in the final quarter. Earnings per share fell to 5.1p (8.6p). The total dividend is reduced to 3p a share (4.75p) with a 1.25p final.

Growth slows for Breedon

BREEDON, the quarrying and housebuilding company that showed profits growth of 21 per cent at half time, ended its year with pre-tax profits of £4.6 million, 8.8 per cent up on 1989. Higher profits were achieved despite a 15 per cent fall in turnover to £13.9 million in the year to end-January. The final dividend is 2.85p (2.75p) to give a total of 4.6p (4.25p).

InishTech tops £5m

INISHTECH, the industrial holding company that is a subsidiary of the James Crean Group, reports pre-tax profits of Ir£6.21 million (£5.57 million) for the year to the end of December, compared with Ir£2.82 million for the previous nine months. There is a final dividend of 5p (nil). There was again no interim dividend.

Sales rose from Ir£17.88 million to Ir£33.63 million. The company said the performance of all subsidiaries had been up to expectations despite the weakness of the British economy. InishTech has net cash and is well placed to take advantage of an economic revival. A Ir£539,000 goodwill write-off was taken below the line. Earnings per share of 37.4p (23.7p) are before the goodwill amortisation.

Loss widens at Widney

WIDNEY, the engineering group that was subject to a management buy-in last year by David Cassidy and Paul Lines, reports a pre-tax loss of £1.62 million (£1.19 million loss) for the year ended September. The board is hoping for an improved performance, although trading in the current climate is not easy. There is no dividend (0.5p).

Payout held at Pegasus

PEGASUS Group, the software accounting products concern, saw pre-tax profits for the six months to end-January fall from £1.34 million to £774,000, but is paying an unchanged dividend of 3.5p a share. Cash balances at reporting date were £649,000 higher at £2.85 million. Pegagus is planning a joint venture with SAARI of France.

Panfida halves losses

By MARTIN BARROW

PANFIDA, the Australian-controlled retail and property group that operates the Martin chain of newsagents, almost halved pre-tax losses to £3.82 million (£7.01 million loss) in the six months to end-December. Losses per share were 4.3p (8.3p). There is again no interim dividend.

Comparable figures for 1989 included TOC Retail, Panfida Ltd and Panfida Corporation, now held as assets for sale and whose results are no longer included in the profit and loss account.

After charging interest and tax, Martin Retail Group lost £1.57 million for the half year to end-October, compared with a loss before minorities of £5.05 million last time. Interest payments were £8.61 million (£13.54 million).

British workers feel the chill as IBM sneezes

COMPUTER watchers reading the announcement of 14,000 IBM job cuts on Thursday could be forgiven for a feeling of *déjà vu*.

Two years ago the Big Blue — a bellwether of the US economy — was assuring Wall Street that disappointing 1988 profits were tied to a manufacturing problem that had been fixed. Less than nine months later it announced 10,000 job cuts costing $2.3 billion.

Just two months ago, IBM was trumpeting a profits surge in the final three months of last year. The job losses this time, costing a further $2.3 billion, come just days after IBM announced its first quarter profits would be halved.

The difference this year is that Britain will bear a significant part of the cuts. Up to 1,000 of IBM's 20,000 UK employees could go. And of IBM's markets outside North America, only Germany and Japan are expected to show much growth for the first quarter of the year.

Of the 14,000 jobs to go worldwide, about 4,000 will go with the sale of businesses, 6,000 will be cut in North America and 4,000 in Europe.

James Andrews, in charge of institutional trading at Janney Montgomery Scott in Philadelphia, said: "They are telling us that the balance of the year is going to be pretty crummy. The recovery is going to be slow."

None of the 50 analysts who follow IBM had any idea its first quarter figures were going to be so bad. They had pencilled in earnings of about $1.90 a share until told by IBM they will be closer to 90 cents. With the cost of restructuring, the first quarter loss could be $1.7 billion.

IBM has also upset some major institutional shareholders focusing on executive pay related to performance. The day IBM announced its impending profits drop, official documents disclosed that John Akers, the chairman, will receive a 35 per cent salary and bonus rise this year to just over $2.6 million.

Wall Street took a kinder view of the re-organisation. Shares rose $1 to $113.85.

Analysts now accept that the turnaround of IBM will be a long job. Last year's $6 billion profits returned it to levels not seen since the peaks of the mid-Eighties, but IBM is having to run much harder to make a buck. They estimate the company will lose 24 per cent of the market this year to smaller companies, such as Apple, as fiercer competition and the effects of economic recession take their toll.

By the end of this year, IBM will have cut 47,000 jobs since its employment peaked in 1986 at 406,000. But industry observers doubt that the surgery is over. Some analysts are brave enough to forecast a drop in year end profits to $5.3 billion, a figure earned in 1987 when the shares stood at $175. Fund managers now say they need to fall much closer to $100 to look attractive.

PHILIP ROBINSON
New York

SB agrees £5m sale to Medeva

MEDEVA, the medical research and pharmaceutical company, is boosting its range with the acquisition of two products from SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals UK for £5.1 million.

Normax, the laxative, is well established in Britain. Medeva has also bought Dexedrine, an amphetamine available on prescription for narcolepsy and hyperactivity in children. Last year Medeva, formed when Medirace merged with Evans Healthcare, acquired Thomas Kerfoot, a drug manufacturer.

Wyndham falls

Wyndham Group, the Welsh property and motor retailing group, is passing payment of a preference share dividend because it lacks distributable reserves. In the six months to end-September the firm incurred losses of £1.23 million, compared with profits of £1.3 million before tax.

Loss deepens

Alliance Resources, the Canadian oil exploration and development concern whose shares began trading in London this month, said net losses deepened from Can$1.03 million (£510,000) to Can$1.38 million in the nine months to end-January.

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Independent spirit gives cost conscious Cadbury a taste for competition

BUSINESS PROFILE
By CAROL LEONARD

Dominic Cadbury

The chief executive of Cadbury Schweppes is notorious for keeping a tight rein on company expenses



If it came to the crunch, family would come first: Dominic Cadbury with his wife and 'best friend', Sally

When Dominic Cadbury retires, he will go down in history as the last in the line to run the former family business. He will retire in four years after ten years as chief executive.

Cadbury, aged 50, professes not to mind one jot. "Sometimes I wonder if I'm being unmindful of my heritage, but it really doesn't bother me," he says. "It would be totally misconceived to see this as a family business. It is not, it hasn't been for quite a considerable period of time and I've never thought of it in any way as a family business."

When he joined the company it was already publicly quoted, with about half the shares on the market, and within five years of his arrival, it merged with Schweppes, in 1969. The family holding was then reduced from 50 to 25 per cent. It has since been reduced further.

"The family holding is now tiny, about one or two per cent," Cadbury says. "If you throw in the various trusts you might edge that up to three or four per cent, but we are no longer a significant shareholder."

He jumps on each and any passing reference to the company as a family business, will explain repeatedly why it is not, and is defensive about any suggestion that he rose to where he is within the company because of his name. "Whatever people might say about me getting this job because of my name, I know that I only got it on merit. I'm a professional, hired manager."

But even some of his closest and oldest friends would argue that Cadbury protests too much. He makes his point just a little too loudly.

Gervase Buxton, one of Cadbury's closest friends since their days at prep school and Cambridge University together, says: "Historically, it is a family company and he, after all, is one of the Cadbury family, he is the company's chief executive and he owns quite a few shares. I would think he must feel that he has a proprietory interest in the business, even if it is deep down within his sub-conscious."

Cadbury might not thank Buxton for those words, and would do his utmost to dispute them, but Buxton is not alone in his view.

And it is almost certainly true. In fact, Cadbury as good as confirms that when he gives details of his methods for keeping a tight rein on costs within the group. He is notorious for monitoring the expense claims made by his fellow executives. Nothing annoys him more, he says, than if he discovers that one Cadbury manager has taken another out for lunch. If he spotted newspapers and magazines being ordered at the company's expense, and not being read, he "would ask questions", and he would also "ask questions" if he saw two or more Cadbury television advertisements following too closely after one another. "It would mean that the marketing department had not co-ordinated the timing," he says.

"I am pretty cost conscious," he admits. "I am not an accountant but I look very carefully at figures and budgets every month. If I'm in one of our factories I always look to see what is on the floor and if anyone is doing anything about it. And I'm always on the look out for conferences which are over the top in terms of expenses." Cadbury's attitude to money, which some people might say was typical of a family business, makes no exception for his own expenditure. Tall, thin and angular, constantly donning and removing tortoiseshell spectacles, he looks more like a polytechnic lecturer than the chief executive of the largest British-owned confectionery and soft drinks company, capitalised at £2.6 billion. His suit and his hair are grey and he is smartly but not expensively dressed. His office, beside Marble Arch and overlooking Hyde Park, contains a functional mis-match of furniture, with pen and ink drawings rather than oils on the walls. He did away with the company chauffeur "because it grieved me to have him sitting around all day doing nothing. It makes much more sense to me to ring up a car firm and get a car when you need one".

Buxton says: "He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth but he is not at all snobbish. He has never splashed money around, he has always had a pretty low profile when it comes to his personal appearance and how he spends his money. But he is also very generous with anything that he thinks is a worthwhile cause. He is always there with his money if anyone needs help or if you approach him about a charity. I think it comes from his Quaker background. His father was rather the same."

'Whatever may be said about me getting this job because of my name, I know I got it on merit'

The Quaker background dates back to Cadbury's grandfather, who founded the chocolate business in the 1860s, and who built the Quaker meeting house in Bourneville. "My mother used to take me to Quaker meetings, but it was more out of tradition," says Cadbury. "I wasn't really brought up a Quaker and I found it all a bit strange."

His mother was a member of the Unitarian Church, his South African-born wife, Sally, is Catholic and Cadbury was baptised and confirmed in the Church of England a year ago. "I enjoy church, the service and the sermon, but I felt that I wasn't really a paid up member. I wanted to be able to take part in communion," he says. To be confirmed and baptised at the age of 49 is, nevertheless, unusual. But Cadbury's attitude towards money, be it born of Quaker influences or the legacy of a family business, has been good news for the company's shareholders. Although he scoffs at the size of the family holding, Cadbury's personal stake is almost 550,000 shares, worth more than £2 million. His salary, excluding share options, was £430,000 in 1989. But no one who knows anything about what he has done to the business could possibly resent him having any of that.

After the excesses of the Eighties, he is the type of businessman who is coming into his own in the more circumspect Nineties. His timing, in that respect, could not have been better. But even before 1990, he had already transformed Cadbury's fortunes.

He joined the company as a graduate trainee in 1964 and became group chief executive 20 years later, but the business, by then, was not in good shape. Things had started to go awry in the mid-Seventies, a five-year management and financial restructuring plan gave temporary relief, but in 1982 profitability again started to slump. In 1985, profits fell from £124 million to £93 million and General Cinema, the American company, was waiting in the wings with an 18 per cent stake. For three successive years, MORI polls in the City showed that Cadbury was considered more vulnerable to takeover than any other company.

In contrast, at the end of last year General Cinema's stake was placed with institutional investors, in March this year the company unveiled pre-tax profits of £280 million and most stockbrokers in the Square Mile are now bullish about its prospects. Dominic may be the last Cadbury to run the business but he is also perceived as the best.

He is loathe to compare himself to his predecessors. They are, after all, family. As chief executive, he succeeded his brother, Sir Adrian Cadbury, 11 years his senior.

"I find it very difficult to make comparisons," he says. "We always got on very well, but he was always very much the older brother." But ask any City analyst who has charted the company's fortunes over the past decade and they will not hesitate to give you a direct comparison.

Buxton says: "Dominic is much better at business than Adrian." He adds: "Adrian is perhaps more intelligent, more sensitive and more well read. Dominic is a bit more pragmatic, less well read, more competitive and tougher. There always was quite a lot of competition among the Cadbury siblings."

Adrian's sensitivites and intellectual leaning comes from their father, Laurence, a shy, practical man, and an avid collector of everything from guns to antique furniture. When the contents of his house were sold, the auctioneer remarked that it was the only library he had ever come across where the vendor had read every book. "He knew that my father had read them all because he wrote notes on each page," says Cadbury. "The only other person who had probably read every book was Adrian."

Dominic, not in any sense shy, and not at all practical, is far more like his mother, a champion of independent schools and a frustrated career woman. Ahead of her time, she went to Cambridge University but left after the first year to marry and bear six children. Dominic was the fifth child.

"She was bright, but not in a blue stocking way, and energetic. She was warm, but because she was so active she would not waste time. Nobody in my family ever wasted time. She was not the sort of person to have a long natter with, she always had something she had to do."

As he speaks, he realises that he could be describing himself. He is always in the office by 8am, leaves at 6pm, and, if the weather is fine, will walk home across Hyde Park. But he is not a workaholic. His wife, whom he describes unhesitatingly as his best friend, and his three daughters, Anna-Louise, 17, Justine, 16, and Georgina, 14, are a vital part of his life.

"I work hard, do everything I need to do to do my job, but if it came to the crunch I would always put them first," he says.

The youngest child is, he says, most like him. "She is the most competitive, she wants to be doing something all the time. She loves playing any game, cards, bridge, rummy, tennis. And no, I'm not very good at letting them win." The description begins to sound familiar.

Cadbury is open about his strong, competitive streak. He can, he admits, be competitive to the point of aggression. It affects the way he operates in business and the way he plays sport. "I've always enjoyed sports that require determination rather than skill, like squash, rowing and tennis." Here Buxton, who regularly plays tennis with Cadbury, chips in: "You do not really see the competitive side of his nature until you get into competition with him. He plays very much within his capabilities, just as he does in business. He is very fair, very steady, very efficient, he does not make many mistakes and he does not like to lose."

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This intensely competitive facet to his nature will surprise anyone who has not seen him in competition.

In a relaxed environment, the overwhelming impression he creates is one of being laid-back. "It does take an awful lot to make me lose my temper," he says. Cadbury must rank as one of the least stuffy bosses in Britain.

His office door is always open, his colleagues come and go freely, on first name terms, and the informal atmosphere is in no way contrived. He is popular, likeable, well balanced, confident but not arrogant, and disarmingly easy to talk to. Unlike so many businessmen in similar positions, whose corporate success is countered by unhappy personal lives, Cadbury has managed to tread the fine line in between. "I do have a lot of friends and they are very important to me," he says. Bearing in mind his family background, and the fact that he was sent to Canada for four years with a nanny when he was just six weeks old — "It was in the middle of the war and, at the time, it wasn't that strange," Cadbury says — he is surprisingly normal.

Even his secretary volunteers that at first she thought he was too good to be true, that the honeymoon period would end. "But it hasn't," she says. "He is always exactly the same." In a far more subtle way, however, Cadbury admits that he has changed. His competitive nature is supported by a defiantly independent spirit, which, although now firmly under control, was, in his youth, often abrasive.

As a schoolboy at Eton, he was often in trouble with the masters. "I was not an outright rebel, but I was pretty independent. I would always challenge anything my teachers or parents said in a way that some people found obnoxious," he says.

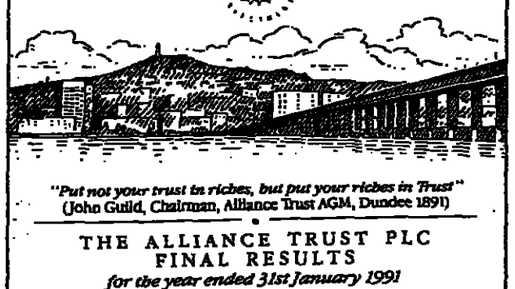
"I eventually learnt to be a bit more subtle. I don't lead with my chin anymore."

But beneath that overt confidence, Cadbury is still all too aware of his surname — perhaps painfully so. He mentions that it can, at times, be a disadvantage.

Before joining the firm, he spent two years at Stanford Business School, in California, where, he says, he proved to himself that he could hold his own. That obviously matters a lot to him. And now, despite his proven success at Cadbury Schweppes, it is as if he still craves some higher goal and the public applause that will, undoubtedly, accompany it. Only then will he feel that he has proved the same point to the world at large.

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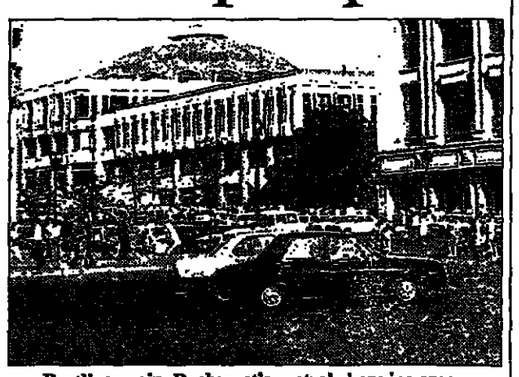
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Bucharest sheds grey image as shops open



Bustling again: Bucharest's central shopping area

Communism turned Bucharest, once known as the Paris of the East, into one of the most grey of eastern Europe's capitals. Now, with economic reform, the city has started to change. This Balkan capital may not yet be ready to regain its old reputation, but new private shops are beginning to transform it.

Formerly empty stores in the city centre now sell a bewildering variety of products which, until a few months ago, could be bought only on the black market, if at all. Underwear, satellite television dishes, shampoo, chocolate, telephones and Western cigarettes are crammed together in the new shops, which often have a little of everything as the shopkeepers are uncertain what will sell best. Because Romanian shops have been empty for so long, some of the products on sale baffle customers and crowds gather to stare at goods and prices far beyond their reach. Fax machines, coconuts and mango juice all fall into this category.

Until recently, shops throughout the capital, and especially in the avenues and boulevards famous for their shopping before the second world war, were obtained only after the location and bribe of the correct town hall official. But now the leasing (but not yet sale) of municipally owned shops has begun through complex Romanian style "auctions". At the auctions, money is only one of many factors the town hall and the privatisation commission take into account as they tot up points scored by prospective proprietors in a questionnaire submitted in the form of a sealed bid.

The Romanian authorities are granting about 14,000 business authorisations every month. Many are for shops and many for stalls and roadside kiosks.

In the early days after the revolution, the first entrepreneurs drove to neighbouring countries and bought jeans, soap, bananas or anything else unobtainable, and began to make their first dollars.

Today a network of mostly foreign-owned wholesalers and also "commission shops" has made these trips unnecessary. But many of the new shops will still sell only in hard currency, making them inaccessible to most Romanians. Although few people have access to dollars, there are still enough to keep them going. However, the chief of the national bank has said that, within months, selling in any currency other than the local leu will be illegal but that shop owners will have free access to Romania's embryonic currency market. The move has been cautiously welcomed by traders.

At present, the currency trades for between 35 and 200 lei to the dollar, depending on official and black market rates.

The transition to the market economy, while providing all sorts of expensive and previously forbidden goods, has new pitfalls. In contrast to the new shops and their imported goods, official state shops, which continue to supply food staples such as meat, cooking oil and butter, are still known to run out. In anticipation of massive price rises, scheduled for Monday, the now semi-autonomous producers are holding back supplies until the new prices come into force.

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Hutchison strengthens grip with Millicom deal

By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

HUTCHISON Whampoa, the Hong Kong conglomerate, has become Britain's largest provider of mobile telephone services after the purchase of Millicom Cellular for £29.5 million.

The move is further evidence of Hutchison's determination to build a sizeable presence in the British telecommunications business. Including the Millicom purchase, Hutchison has spent almost £75 million since it entered the British market at the end of 1989.

Millicom Cellular was set up by Shelby Bryan, whose American-based Millicom group was an early pioneer in portable telephones. Like most American cellular companies, Millicom is spending heavily to establish its customer base and to set up an infrastructure of base stations and switching installations.

The company has been making a series of asset disposals in order to concentrate on its American cellular network and to reduce losses. In January, Mr Bryan sold Millicom's British paging business to Hutchison for $5.5 million.

Hutchison already owns one of the world's biggest paging businesses, serving more than half Hong Kong's estimated 600,000 paging customers.

The latest Millicom purchase adds 70,000 cellular subscribers to the 100,000 acquired by Hutchison through the buying last year of Quadrant and the United Kingdom cellular service provision business of Nokia of Finland.

Hutchison now provides billing and equipment services to 15 per cent of Britain's 1.2 million cellular telephone subscribers. Talkland has been pushed into second place in the league table, with British Telecom filling the number three slot. Barry Moxley, general manager of Hutchison's cellular division, said the transaction would allow important economies of scale in a business where consolidation was leading to growing emphasis on quality of service.



Phone pioneer: Shelby Bryan, who set up Millicom Cellular, now owned by Hutchison

The combined business will have 400 staff and operate from centres in Darlington and Hertford. Mr Moxley said use of cellular telephones continued to grow despite the recession and the imposition by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, of a tax on private cellular telephone users. Margaret Thatcher, the former prime minister, is one of Hutchison's customers.

After repaying bank debt of £7.6 million, Millicom expects to make a pre-tax gain on the sale of around $35 million. Mr Bryan said that the sale would enable his company to concentrate on the core businesses of international cellular phones and satellite television. "This is where we see significant growth potential in the future," he added.

Japanese bankers feel forex squeeze

Tokyo

HARD-PRESSED Japanese banks are finding life in the Tokyo currency market fast lane is more expensive than they bargained for.

Currency analysts say banks — still smarting from last year's stock market and property losses — are being squeezed by corporate speculators on the foreign exchange market, previously one of their best moneyspinners.

But the banks are starting to defend themselves. Some are reducing lines of credit to overly aggressive corporations. Others are refraining from the usual Japanese practice of allowing corporate customers to postpone foreign exchange losses by delaying *contract settlements*. "These actions are seen as self-defence measures taken by banks being hit hard by speculators but which have no way to hit back," said one senior American bank dealer.

Banks get lucrative commissions by placing corporate orders on the currency market but the orders are sometimes big enough to move the market and leave banks that execute them exposed, as they cannot cover their own positions fast enough.

"We need the commissions and turnover from corporate dealings. But if they become too risky or unprofitable for us, we'll have to do something about it," said Masamichi Tachi, deputy manager at Hongkong Bank in Tokyo.

Criticism of corporate currency speculators flared this month when a mid-sized Japanese trading house wreaked havoc on the market three days in a row, selling then buying $2-4 billion a day.

An American dealer estimated total bank losses at up to *Y5 billion (£20.5 million)*. Another dealer, at a Japanese bank, said: "Bank traders got mad at the action, as it violated a gentlemen's agreement." *(Reuter)*

Export growth boosts Japan surplus by 26%

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S unadjusted current account surplus rose by more than 26 per cent in February to $6.09 billion from $4.82 billion last time.

Strong export growth was responsible for the increase. Japan's export income rose to $24.29 billion against $21.65 billion last time, while imports were $17.41 billion against $16.29 billion a year ago.

Growth in Japan's current account surplus, which measures trade in merchandise plus invisibles, including services, insurance, tourism and remittances abroad, has remained strong due to a continued healthy demand for Japanese products in European and Asian markets and the lingering effects of last year's weaker yen.

Economists sounded a note of caution, however, over Japanese export growth. Machinery export orders in January dropped by more than 40 per cent over the previous two months and by 20 per cent on a year ago. In addition, several Japanese car manufacturers have announced export cutbacks to the United States for February and March, reflecting concern over the recession-hit American economy. Some car companies have extended their export reductions into April-May, indicating a heavy inventory build-up.

Imports have posted a small rise due to lower oil prices and slower domestic demand.

Kermit Schoenholtz of Salomon Brothers Asia expects domestic capital spending to slow decisively in fiscal 1991. Although real business fixed investment returned to a double digit pace of 12.4 per cent in the fourth quarter, and exceeded 20 per cent as a share of nominal GNP for the first time since 1971, this reflects the implementation of fiscal 1990 plans and should be winding down, says Mr Schoenholtz.

Two key barometers of Japan's economy released yesterday suggest inflation may be moderating, but overall economic conditions remain tight (Reuter writes).

Consumer prices in the Tokyo area for March climbed 0.3 per cent from a month earlier and 3.7 per cent from a year ago, the government's Management and Co-ordination Agency said.

Consumer prices nationwide for February fell 0.3 per cent from January and gained 3.9 per cent from a year ago.

The agency also announced that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February was 2 per cent, unchanged from January.

An agency official attributed the rise in Tokyo consumer prices for fiscal 1990 to higher fresh food prices due to unseasonal weather, higher oil prices after the Gulf war and higher than expected economic growth in 1990-1.

Fresh vegetable shipments are expected to increase in the spring, and this will help cap overall price rises in the coming months, economists said. The stability of oil products prices will also help to level off consumer prices.

Japan's unemployment rate reflects a serious workforce shortage, although economists see no likelihood of sharp drops from present levels in the near term.

Shares in Tokyo finish firmer

Tokyo

SHARE prices ended higher in lacklustre trading with the rest of the main Asian markets closed. The dollar was mostly lower in equally thin trading. The Nikkei index rose 85.12 points, or 0.32 per cent, to 26,292.04.

A late burst of index-related buying by investment trusts pulled it out of negative territory.

Turnover dropped to 300 million shares against 360 million on Thursday when the Nikkei rose 102.27 points. Yesterday's volume was the lowest since February 4 when 240 million shares changed hands.

Ross Rowbury, a broker at Sanyo Securities, said: "This market is boring." Investors found many reasons to stay on the sidelines — among them a weak yen, market holidays overseas, lack of participation by institutions and foreign investors and plain inertia before the weekend.

The stock markets in Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Taiwan were all closed for the Easter holidays.

The foreign exchange market remained inactive since most Tokyo participants were reluctant to take fresh positions on the final day of the financial year.

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Euro Fund 61.07 65.25c -0.39 1.39
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Pond 51.76 51.96 +0.26 2.99
UK Inc/Gth 56.06 60.07c +0.02 7.11

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Fixed Int 157.0 157.7c :: 10.23
Deposit 100.0 :: 13.20

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Acc E17.22 17.40e :: ..
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Fixed Int Inc 110.8 110.8c :: 10.46
Do Acc 119.0 119.2e :: ..

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Intl Inc 68.48 70.03 +1.28 3.43
Mainl Gth 48.59 51.82 +2.95 1.49
Pacific Gth 73.57 79.19 +2.15 1.88
UK Gth Acc 84.12 88.99e +0.58 2.84
Do Inc 74.88 80.09e +0.62 2.85
UK Income 63.33 67.73e +0.24 5.84

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Beds Int Op Ac 61.05 64.27 -0.01 0.00
Prfer Hse Inc 166.7 178.5 -5.9 5.51
Prfer Hse Cap 186.2 207.9 -5.8 2.91

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Far East 71.35 75.89c +1.15 0.58
Inc 83.80 87.57c +0.19 5.76
Do Acc 74.91 78.29e +0.17 5.36
Jap Gwth 36.06 37.92 +0.62 0.00
Monthly Inc 42.53 45.03e +0.01 10.16
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Prof Inv Pf 57.70 61.38 +0.41 5.91
Profess Inv Pf 57.70 61.38 +0.41 2.99
Prop Inv Pf 55.61 59.16 +0.67 5.36
Smlr Cos Inc 20.97 31.56e +0.33 3.65
Do Acc 31.82 33.86e +0.33 3.65
UK Open Inc 61.97 65.93 +0.12 5.91
Do Acc 66.16 73.57 +0.12 4.21
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Do Acc 67.19 68.79e +0.67 1.58
Quilter Gen Inc 101.9 108.4e +0.84 0.00
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Do Acc 76.46 80.28 -1.40 10.86
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Do Acc 57.48 60.58 +0.11 3.05
Smlr Inc 5 98.23 104.5 +0.10 3.29
Do Acc 5 111.8 119.0 +0.1 3.29
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UK Growth 112.6 120.1e -0.5 2.68
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Income 48.08 52.26@ +0.21 6.83
Far East 38.58 42.08@ +0.51 0.84
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Capital Trust 114.0 119.7@ +0.7 0.65
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High Inc 31.92 34.14e -0.37 5.27
Income 105.2 112.5 -0.78 3.80
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British Gth 33.90 35.19e -0.34 2.76
Capital 71.31 77.27 +0.22 13.04
Press Inv Inc 67.19 63.50e -0.09 3.76
Do Acc 174.8 187.4@ -0.18 3.76
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Glbl Opps 91.19 91.02 -0.53 3.55
Overseas Trusts
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Hong Kong 57.25 61.19e -0.77 0.62
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Pacific Rest 73.22 78.51 +0.39 0.42
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Sl British 46.90 49.52 -0.17 1.91
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Gth Equity 281.3 276.7 -2.2 3.39
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Do Inc 91.34 97.24 +0.46 1.30
Inc Trust 103.5 173.9 -1.5 5.51
Do Acc 205.1 218.1 -3.0 5.51
Intl Gth 217.9 232.0 +12.3 0.00
Do Acc 242.0 258.4 +13.7 0.00
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Do Acc 183.0 193.5@ +3.4 0.00
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Do Acc 76.57 79.98e +1.00 1.78
Monthly Inc 124.0 131.9@ -1.5 5.76
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Do Acc 201.3 220.1 +7.5 1.47
Smlr Cos Inc 40.72 43.49e -0.28 1.47
Do Acc 44.12 48.85e -0.31 1.47
Gth Gen Inc 67.51 69.52e +0.08 6.53
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Gth Inc Inc 67.78 69.86e +0.07 10.76
Do Acc 83.18 85.11e +0.07 10.43

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Fixed Int Dist 112.6 119.1@ +0.63 8.36
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Int Gth Dist 61.60 65.53 +1.39 0.00
Do Acc 62.61 66.52 +1.32 0.00
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Do Acc 149.6 159.1 +0.77 1.33
Pac Basin Dist 139.4 148.8 +4.53 0.22
Do Acc 186.2 200.7 +5.00 0.22
Shrd Dist 207.4 222.5 +0.08 2.46
Do Acc 228.8 245.6 +0.07 2.46
Small Inv Dist 63.47 68.27 +0.07 2.46
Do Acc 68.47 69.27e -0.08 4.68
NAm Shrd Dist 67.05 71.33 +0.33 0.42
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UK Cap Inc 148.2 158.3 -0.5 3.38
Do Acc 233.9 250.2 -0.8 3.38
Do Spec Sits 83.7 92.12 -0.28 0.00
Inc Fund 103.7 111.0e -0.4 7.22
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Jap & Gen 362.2 384.4e +12.1 0.00
Far East/Gen 183.4 195.2 +4.9 1.32
Euro 313.5 333.7e -3.1 0.39
Germany 62.28 67.22 -2.83 0.00
Int Inc 53.83 57.43 +1.50 5.35
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Euro Inc 57.26 63.71 -0.63 0.76
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Extra Inc Inc 315.5 335.8 +4.7 0.00
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Financial Acc 69.74 69.73 +0.46 1.30
Do Inc 91.34 97.24 +0.46 1.30
Inc Trust 103.5 173.9 -1.5 5.51
Do Acc 205.1 218.1 -3.0 5.51
Intl Gth 217.9 232.0 +12.3 0.00
Do Acc 242.0 258.4 +13.7 0.00
Jap & Gen Inc 151.5 161.8@ +3.4 0.00
Do Acc 183.0 193.5@ +3.4 0.00
Mangd Port Inc 76.57 78.54e +1.00 1.78
Do Acc 76.57 79.98e +1.00 1.78
Monthly Inc 124.0 131.9@ -1.5 5.76
Recov 201.1 219.2 +8.5 1.47
Do Acc 201.3 220.1 +7.5 1.47
Smlr Cos Inc 40.72 43.49e -0.28 1.47
Do Acc 44.12 48.85e -0.31 1.47
Gth Gen Inc 67.51 69.52e +0.08 6.53
Do Acc 69.46 84.42e +0.10 6.53
Gth Inc Inc 67.78 69.86e +0.07 10.76
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Euro 169.4 171.5 +0.6 0.00
Far East 158.5 167.3 +11.4 0.56
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Gilt/Fixed Int 92.38 93.67 +0.03 10.21
High Inc 108.3 113.8 +0.06 6.94
Inc Trust 119.9 128.2 -0.9 5.81
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Jap Tech 63.02 68.04 +0.80 0.00
Market Rescue 51.32 54.78c +2.19 1.95
Pacific 271.2 290.3e +1.6 3.54
Property 57.91 53.89e +2.57 4.10
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Pop Gth 67.01 62.01e -2.23 0.57
Invest Trst 56.91 108.9 -2.15 0.62

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Ind 72.53 79.10e -0.58 2.91
Smlr Cos 83.97 87.73e -0.07 3.52

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Extra Inc 80.22 53.49e -0.60 6.68
Exempt Inc 106.5 112.7e +0.4 9.51
Global 71.1 75.6e +0.2 5.58
High Yield Inc 120.1 127.6c +0.2 5.58
PPP Inc 9.4 10.0e -0.02 5.31
Snl Cos Div 41.73 44.36e -0.02 5.31
Capital Growth Trusts
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Euro Inc 71.7 117.8 +1.2 0.00
Euro Spec Inc 77.28 82.21 -0.03 1.20
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Gen Exempt 268.8 283.3 -2.7 3.75
Gen Fixed 112.5 119.6 +1.1 7.79
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UK Eq Gth Inc 30.89 32.66e -0.52 3.22

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Far East 19.02 20.23e +0.06 0.78
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UK Equity 69.83 73.22 +0.08 4.58

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Balanced Dist 358.0 380.9e -4.0 3.86
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Fixed Interest 43.09 45.84e +0.05 5.53
Gilt 80.35 84.82c +0.55 7.57
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Global Inc 61.44 64.72c +1.99 1.03
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Prop Fd Acc 78.49 78.19e +2.02 0.20
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Do Acc 43.03 45.30 -0.41 1.38
Emerg Intl 90.55 94.25e +1.09 0.00
Euro 72.55 77.16 +1.28 0.51
Extra Inc 218.7 231.3 -0.2 5.33
Do Acc 488.4 511.5 -0.5 5.33
Gilt/Fixed Int 84.89 88.35 -2.27 0.48
Do Acc 88.67 91.45 -2.38 0.48
Income 413.9 436.4 +1.7 4.73
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Intl Trust 174.8 186.2 +0.7 0.00
Do Acc 212.7 223.9 +1.4 0.00
Jap Growth 89.52 95.20 +1.00 0.00
Managed Inc 44.34 46.65 +0.26 1.97
Do Acc 46.91 49.73 +0.26 1.97
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Pac Basin 157.3 167.4 +0.5 0.00
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Lenders reset the mortgage trap

Some lenders never learn. The very mortgage packages that have caused thousands of borrowers to regret the easy lending of the late Eighties are re-emerging. First-time buyers are being offered loans of 105 per cent of the value of the property and can postpone paying more than 20 per cent of the interest in the first year. In addition, they can borrow either 3.75 times the first salary or 2.75 times their joint income.

The loans are available through about 900 brokers, who are guaranteed their money whatever happens. The lender adds the first two years' endowment premiums on to the mortgage so that if the borrower defaults, the insurance company will not claw back the commission. It also means the borrower has to pay interest on those premiums.

Typically, this would add £1,000 to a £50,000 mortgage, explained Mortgage Directory, the agency that puts the brokers in touch with the lenders and handles the paperwork, credit search and references.

Its other speciality is loans for people with mortgage arrears and county court judgments. Instead of suggesting that people with problems should consider trying to sell their property, move downmarket and reduce their outgoings, the Mortgage Directory organises larger loans. It cites the case of a man who owned a property worth £100,000 and was 11 months in arrears with the mortgage. In addition, he had £8,400 worth of unsatisfied county court judgments. He had recently become self-employed and had no means of confirming his income. His current lender had started repossession proceedings.

The answer was to increase his mortgage to £60,000 so that he could clear the debts and to defer a large part of the interest so that payments were based on an 8 per cent rate. The funding is put up by a small centralised lender specialising in mortgage arrears and people with county court judgments. This kind of business can be profitable for the lender. It is possible to charge a higher interest rate and if the borrower cannot pay then repossession proceedings can be taken. With £40,000 equity in the property, the lender is not likely to lose.

The borrower is allowed to keep his home for a little longer, but at a price.

His mortgage grows larger by the day, thanks to the deferred interest. If he eventually loses his home because he cannot afford the larger payments, he is likely to have a lot less to start with again than if he took that tough decision now.

Even the most optimistic lenders do not see house prices increasing by more than 3 to 4 per cent this year, and only then if mortgage rates come down to 12 per cent. The longer-term predictions are for rises in line with inflation.

A large proportion of the people having their homes repossessed now are people who were attracted by 100 per cent loans and deferred interest mortgages when interest rates were falling in 1988 and house prices were rising. Since then, house prices have fallen about 20 per cent and still there have been no buyers.

It will be comforting to know that the broker who sells the product has nothing to lose, however much his clients over-extend themselves.



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WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

High hopes

Investing in a falling market is a lesson that still has to be taken in by the great British public. The mighty Halifax Building Society has attracted just 6,000 investors and £13 million to its Global Advantage unit trust personal equity plan since it was launched in late September. That compares with more than 250,000 who have chosen the society's tax-exempt special savings account since it was launched in January.

It will be interesting to watch the progress of investors in the two tax-free schemes over the next five years.

The fund, launched in a joint venture with Standard Life, is showing a 12 per cent gain after six months when charges are taken into account.

After six months it is too early to declare it a winner. However, the best investment does not come from putting money into a chart-topping fund. It comes from being brave and investing gradually over a long period. A fixed amount is invested each month and when markets fall the sum buys more units. Then, when it rises, there are more units to increase in value.

The unit trust industry reported that brokers regained their confidence last month. Now it hopes ordinary investors will too.

Credit cards hold firm despite falling base rate

By LINDSAY COOK AND MARGARET DIBBEN

AS MORTGAGE rates and savers' returns come down this weekend, other borrowers are having to wait. Despite the bank base falling at regular intervals, credit card and personal loan rates remain stubbornly high.

Most of the credit card rates being charged now were set when bank base rates were at 15 per cent. None of the companies have reduced rates yet to take account of the fall to 12.5 per cent. However, some have been increasing loan rates since base rates began to fall and one credit card increase will come into effect next week.

Barclaycard set its current interest rate of 1.85 per cent a month last May when it introduced its £8 annual charge. For someone who borrows £750, this works out at an annual percentage rate of 27.8 per cent when the fee is included.

A spokeswoman said that there was no plan to change the rate for its 9 million card holders, although it was fixed when base rates were 15 per cent. She said: "Base rates are not the most important factor in fixing the interest rate."

Barclays Bank raised the interest rate on its Assent card in January to 1.94 per cent, an annual percentage rate of 25.9 per cent. The revolving credit account gives no interest-free period. When it was launched, the initial interest rate of 19.9 per cent was guaranteed not to rise until January 1991 for early applicants.

Barclays has not changed its personal loan rates since January last year. These work out at 26.9 per cent for loans between £300 and £950 and 24.4 per cent on sums of £1,000 to £10,000. As with all bank personal loans, the interest rate is fixed when the loan is taken out. Borrowers who take five-year loans now will be stuck with the high interest rate over the full term.

Midland Bank's personal loan rates were set in November 1989, when base rates first increased to 15 per cent. On loans of £500 to £999, the annual percentage rate is 27.9 per cent and on loans of between £1,000 and £10,000, it is 25.3 per cent. The bank does not expect it to change in the near future.

> *'It would take just one company to cut rates to see the whole range come down'*

Midland is cutting its Access card rate next month from 32.1 to 28.5 per cent to take account of the £10 annual fee Midland is introducing on April 10. A spokesman said: "The decision was made prior to the change in interest rates. That consideration is still going on."

Lloyds Bank increased its Access rate at the beginning of March from 26.8 per cent to 28.3 per cent. It last changed its rate at the beginning of 1990. Personal loan rates have stayed unchanged since they were increased to 25.3 per cent in February last year when base rates were at 15 per cent.

National Westminster Bank charges 29.8 per cent on its credit card. The rate was last changed in August 1989. Personal loans cost 27.4 per cent up to £1,500. This was last changed in January last year.

TSB charges its Trustcard customers 31.3 per cent and 29.8 per cent on Mastercard. The Trustcard rate was raised in February last year when base rates were at 15 per cent. Personal loans were increased at the beginning of March to 27.9 per cent on loans up to £1,500 and 25.9 per cent on larger loans. Leeds Permanent Building Society lifted its credit card rate to 31.3 per cent on March 5, and Allied Irish Bank announced this week that it was increasing its credit card rate from 23.9 to 27.7 per cent from next Wednesday.

At Save & Prosper, Ian Lindsey, banking director, gave hope for a reduction. "The margins are as we would desire. If rates come down again we would be tempted to move," he said.

The bank charges 26.8 per cent on its Classic card to people who opt not to pay an annual fee. The rate was fixed in September, a month before base rates were cut to 14 per cent. "We are beginning to breathe a sigh of relief. Last month we showed a profit of £1,000 on the credit card. There was a fairly hefty charge to provisions of £30,000 during the month," said Mr Lindsey.

Bad debt experience was preventing the lenders from cutting their rates, he said. As more people were made redundant and were unable to pay their credit card bills, bad debt provisions were climbing and eating into profits.

"It would take just one company to cut rates to see the whole range come down."

Several companies have added to the cost of credit card borrowing by scrapping the interest-free period between buying the goods and paying the bill, unless the customer pays it off in full. Barclaycard, Co-operative Bank, Girobank, Leeds Permanent and Midland now charge interest from the date the purchase arrives on the customer's account.

People with unauthorised overdrafts have yet to feel the benefit of lower interest rates. They can be charged as much as 37.6 per cent if they do not seek permission from the bank first. Those customers who ask for an overdraft should pay between 2.5 per cent and 4 per cent over base rate. While lenders are currently calling in some overdrafts and requiring the borrowers to pay off the amount outstanding, they are not so keen if people pay off personal loans early. This is because it costs money to set up the deal and they lose interest. However, borrowers choosing to repay early may be entitled to a rebate on the charges they would have paid if they kept going.

For example, a customer takes out a loan of £1,000, which they agree to repay in 36 monthly instalments of £48. But if the loan is then settled at the end of the 30th month, there are six monthly instalments outstanding.

The total cost of the credit, including interest and lender's charges, was to have been £728 (£48 multiplied by 36 minus £1,000). The lender calculates the charges they should have paid and then makes a reduction in these costs based on a strict formula, which in this case is a rebate of £10.93.

ERIC BEAUMONT



Norwich raises car terms

THE largest motor insurer, Norwich Union, has raised the cost of its credit terms because of poor claims experience. The company sent letters on March 11 to policyholders telling them of the increase, which took effect on March 1 (Lindsay Cook writes).

The rise meant that the higher payments were taken from policyholders' bank accounts by direct debit before they were notified of the increase in the interest from an annual percentage rate of 13.7 to 18.5 per cent.

A spokesman for Norwich Union said the interest rate on the scheme, which allows policyholders to pay their annual premiums by monthly instalments, was not influenced by bank base rates. The cost of the credit agreement was increased because, like other motor insurers, it had had "a pretty rough time last year" with claims.

The rapidly rising cost of motor and contents insurance has made the instalment plans popular in recent years. GA Direct, the direct sales arm of General Accident, charges no extra for the instalment scheme.

Fund managers may absorb increase in VAT

Pep investors face higher charges

By SARA MCCONNELL

INVESTORS who have opened a personal equity plan (Pep) investing directly in shares in the last week may face paying an extra 2.5 per cent value-added tax on the upfront charge for the plan.

VAT is added to charges made on plans investing directly in equities. The extra amount on some plans comes as Pep managers are reporting their busiest week for months in the run-up to the end of the tax year on April 5.

The Chancellor announced in the Budget that VAT would rise from 15 per cent to 17.5 per cent on April 1. Under the Financial Services Act investors in direct equity Peps normally have to be given a seven-day cooling off period. This means plans that were taken out after Tuesday will be caught by the new VAT rate. At least one unit trust management company, MIM Britannia, will be charging the higher rate.

Alastair Herbert, marketing manager at MIM Britannia, said: "We will be passing the extra cost on to clients. Margins have been squeezed heavily because of the Financial Services Act and the equity Pep is more expensive to run."

He estimated that the extra cost in VAT on the full £6,000 invested in a Pep would be £7.50 a year. Other Pep managers said they would be absorbing the extra tax liability for their clients.

Anne McMeehan, director at Framlington, said: "Pep managers have two options. They can either bear it themselves or pass it on to their clients. We have decided that rather than contact all investors we would take it on the chin."



McMeehan: options for managers

Save & Prosper and Fidelity are also planning to absorb the increase. Both S&P's Managed Portfolio and Dealing Plan can have the full £6,000 Pep allowance invested, and the company will reduce its charges to pay for the extra VAT. Investors who have already been asked to send a cheque for £6,107.64 will only be charged £6,105.32. Fidelity said that anyone who had returned an application for the Fidelity personal equity plan by March 28 should not have to pay more.

All companies admit that annual management charges for equity Peps plans will go up because investors have to pay VAT on top of the yearly fee. Most companies charge between 1 and 1.5 per cent of the value of the fund.

Unit trust Peps will not be affected by the increase. In some cases they will be able to continue to accept applications right up to April 5. M&G is holding its Pep open until this date because its investment in unit trusts alone means it can operate a 14-day cancellation period rather than a seven-day cooling off period.

Investors in direct equity Pep schemes will now no longer be able to buy shares from a rights issue in a plan if the new shares push them over the annual Pep limit, the Chancellor announced in the Budget.

Planholders can now hold up to £3,000 a year in a single company Pep as well as £6,000 in a general Pep, but will have to sell shares to accommodate a rights issue if they would otherwise go over this limit.

Before the Budget, planholders could take up a rights issue and hold the new issues within a Pep even if this made them exceed the limit.

Rights issue shares can be transferred directly if this is done within 42 days of the date of allocation of the issue, but the change is likely to hit investors who want to take advantage of the growing number of rights issues being announced by companies who are needing to raise more funds.

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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	3.00	3.04	2.43	none/none	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	8.77	8.77	7.02	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-526 1567
"	8.86	8.86	7.09	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-526 1567
Lloyds	8.10	8.10	6.48	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	7.96	7.96	6.37	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	8.44	8.44	6.33	10,000-no max	1 mth	071-260 2605
" " "	8.02	8.02	6.42	10,000-no max	3 mth	071-260 2605
NatWest	8.34	8.34	6.67	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	8.34	8.34	6.67	10,000-24,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	9.16	9.56	7.65	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	8.11	8.96	6.69	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	5.01	5.00	4.00	2,500‡	none	071 828 6543
Girobank	6.00	6.00	6.40	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	3.38	3.43	2.73	500‡	none	0272 493372
Midland HICA	7.13	7.25	5.07	2,000‡	none	——
NatWest Special Reserve	7.19	7.00	6.98	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	7.99	8.24	8.24	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	7.01	7.01	5.61	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Nationwide Ang.	8.25	8.25	6.60	1 min	none	——
National & Prov	9.75	9.75	7.80	500 min	none	——
Cheltenham & Gl	10.28	10.28	8.22	2,500 min	none	——
West Bromwich	10.85	10.85	8.68	2,000 min	90 day	——
Bristol & West	12.00	12.00	9.60	25,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	10.28	10.28	8.22	2,000 min	none	——
Lancashire	10.54	10.54	8.43	10,000 min	30 day	——
Lambeth	10.00	10.25	8.20	250 min	90 day	——
Market Harbor	10.50	10.50	8.40	500 min	90 day	——
Lambeth	10.25	10.51	8.41	250 min	6 mths	——
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	5.63	5.71	4.57	25 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Lslc Cash Plus	6.25	6.25	5.00	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	4.50	4.50	3.60	1 min		balances
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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c[1]	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	12.75	9.56	7.65	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	13.50	10.13	8.10	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□	13.50	10.13	8.10		3 mth	041-649-4555
36th Issue Cert[2]†	8.50	8.50	8.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	9.50	9.50	9.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	13.00	9.75	7.80	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Hambro Guardian	9.75	9.75	8.29	5,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Ass	9.80	9.80	8.16	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Financial Ass	9.50	9.50	8.08	5,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	9.30	9.30	7.91	5,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Consolidated Life	9.50	9.50	8.08	2,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (Jan. 86=100)	+9.0%	Spanish Pesetas:	178.00
Bank Base Rate	13.0%	French Francs:	9.79
Personal Loan	24.9%	Greek Drachmas:	306.00
Credit Card	19.5-31%	Italian Lire:	2145.00

*[1] 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [2] Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of expiring matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums □ No longer on sale*

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CGT ALLOWANCE, FEB 1991

The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in February, 1991.

RI month	RI year 1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Jan		0.585	0.507	0.435	0.360	0.309	0.267	0.179	0.095
Feb		0.578	0.501	0.424	0.355	0.304	0.262	0.171	0.089
Mar	0.648	0.576	0.496	0.411	0.353	0.301	0.257	0.166	0.078
Apr	0.615	0.553	0.477	0.361	0.340	0.288	0.257	0.145	0.048
May	0.604	0.547	0.471	0.375	0.339	0.286	0.233	0.139	0.057
Jun	0.598	0.543	0.467	0.372	0.339	0.285	0.229	0.134	0.053
Jul	0.599	0.535	0.469	0.375	0.342	0.286	0.227	0.133	0.032
Aug	0.596	0.528	0.455	0.371	0.336	0.282	0.213	0.130	0.022
Sep	0.599	0.521	0.453	0.372	0.332	0.278	0.208	0.123	0.012
Oct	0.591	0.516	0.444	0.369	0.330	0.272	0.195	0.114	0.005
Nov	0.584	0.510	0.439	0.365	0.318	0.266	0.190	0.105	0.007
Dec	0.586	0.506	0.440	0.363	0.314	0.267	0.187	0.102	0.006

The RI month for disposals by individuals on or after April 6, 1985 (April 1, 1985 for companies) is the month in which the allowable expenditure was incurred, or March 1982 where the expenditure was incurred before that month.

Elderly offered care costs security

By SARA MCCONNELL

ELDERLY people needing long-term care in a nursing or residential home can now meet the cost with an insurance-based scheme from the Eagle Star, called the Care Fees Payment Plan.

A benefit of the scheme is that policies taken out to meet the cost of care can be arranged to mature when payments become due. The proceeds are tax free and the sums guaranteed.

Eagle Star is the first insurance company to launch a series of policies to fund long-stay care. Other companies, are also working on schemes. Private Patient Plan, the provident health organisation, aims to announce a range next month.

Christopher Johnson, managing director of Private Patient Plan, said providing policies had been delayed in Britain. "Everyone acknowledges the pricing difficulty. We didn't know how to structure the benefits and what would trigger the payments."

Money released from the sale of property and other lump sums from pensions and investments will go to fund a series of endowment policies, designed to mature at regular intervals. These will continue to pay the fees however long the person remains in the home.

Eagle Star estimates that a woman, aged 85, needing £300 a week to cover care increasing in line with the retail price index, would have to pay between £40,000 and £90,000 for nursing, depending on how long she lived.

The same woman who could afford to contribute £150 a week from her capital until death, will need between £22,000 and £50,000.

The average cost of a nursing home providing 24-hour care in the Southeast is £410 a week for a single room and £330 for a double room.

Customers, the home chosen and the insurance company must decide between them whether they want payments increased in line with the retail price index, the retail price index plus 2 per cent, or by a predetermined rate agreed with the home of up to 10 per cent per annum. Increases in payments are guaranteed at the level chosen.

Chris Bagguley, marketing actuary responsible for developing Eagle Star's Care Fees Payment Plan, said: "Much of the money to fund the plan will come from the sale of property.

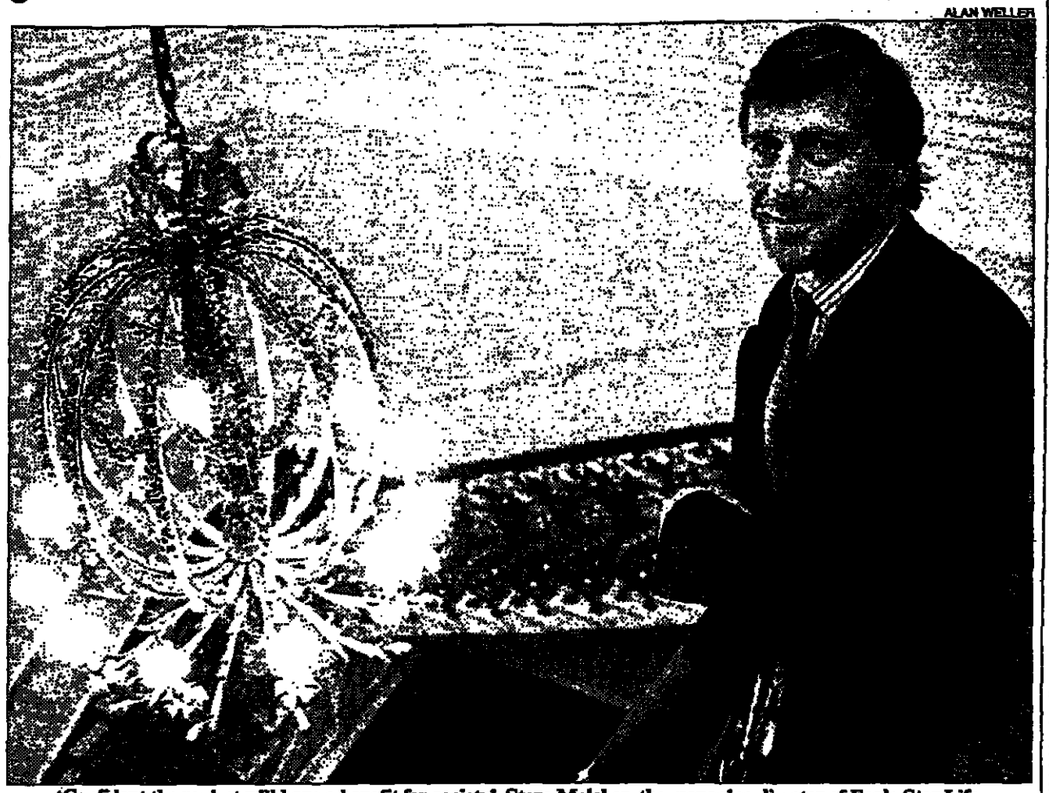
"We believe that a significant proportion of our business will come from those entering nursing homes."

Steve Melcher, managing director of Eagle Star Life, said: "We are confident that this project will have a benefit to society and Eagle Star Life."

People will be asked to fill in a questionnaire using medical records, for underwriting purposes.

The results of this will determine the payment band for each policyholder.

ALAN WELLER



'Confident the project will have a benefit for society': Steve Melcher, the managing director of Eagle Star Life

Gas firm provides advice on tax

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

ADVICE for non-taxpayers on claiming back tax on share dividends was sent by British Gas to all its shareholders with the interim dividend payments this week. The company believes that a large proportion of its shareholders are eligible to claim back the basic rate tax, which by law the company must deduct, but do not know how.

Shareholders receive a tax voucher with their dividend cheque, which shows the amount of tax deducted. Non-taxpayers can reclaim this money from the Inland Revenue. The guide on how to reclaim the money points shareholders to their local tax office, from which they can obtain a claim form.

John Jackson, company secretary, said: "We are conscious of the fact that owning shares can be a complex business. We must strive to make it less so and ease the problems encountered by our smaller shareholders. After all, 98 per cent of our shareholders are individuals and we value their investment in British Gas."

Further help can be obtained from the British Gas Shareholder Enquiry Office on 071-834 2000. The Inland Revenue has also produced a leaflet, *IR112*, entitled *How to claim repayment of income tax*. This is available from tax offices.

British Gas reports that a great many cheques remain uncashed. Some uncashed dividend payments go back to the privatisation in 1986.

□ Banks and building societies are keen to encourage non-taxpayers to register their accounts for gross payment of interest after composite rate tax is scrapped on April 6.

So far, only a small percentage of the 15 million savers eligible to receive interest on savings without deduction of tax have filled in form R85 and taken it to their savings institution.

Banks and building societies should be able to register customers retrospectively for gross payment.

BRIEFINGS

Discounts are available for first-time buyers and the over-fifties. First-time buyers receive a 25 per cent reduction in year one, 15 per cent in year two and 5 per cent in year three. The over-fifties receive 10 per cent.

□ General Portfolio Life Insurance launched five pensions helplines this week. On 0839 401151, callers can find out what a pension is and why they need one. On 0839 401152, directors and senior executives can hear guidance on pension planning. Job changers should call 0839 401154. Calls are charged at 33p a minute cheap rate and 44p at other times. A State Earnings Related Pension Scheme line on 0839 401156 was launched last month.

□ GT Management has launched an offshore Latin America Fund aimed at long-term growth. The fund, which will be managed in San Francisco, will invest in Mexico, Chile, Brazil, Venezuela and Argentina.

□ Albert E Sharp, the Birmingham stockbroker and financial adviser, launched a smaller companies unit trust this week, which aims to invest in companies with a market capitalisation of less than £250 million.

□ A new edition of *More Shares for Your Money*, a consumers' guide explaining investment trusts, Peps, savings schemes, warrants and management groups, is available from Rosters, in association with the Association of Investment Trust Companies. The guide costs £6.95 from bookshops and branches of WH Smith or direct from AITC.

□ The Leeds Permanent Building Society has cut rates on its Liquid Gold, Solid Gold annual and Solid Gold monthly savings accounts by between 0.26 per cent and 0.76 per cent and on its Tessa Gold account by 1 per cent. The Leeds' new Tessa rate is 13 per cent on all balances. A 1.5 per cent bonus will continue to be paid at the end of the five-year term to savers who have invested the maximum £3,000 in the first year. Lloyds Bank has also cut its Tessa rate 1 per cent to 12.5 per cent and other savings accounts have had their rates cut by an average of 0.5 per cent. The Co-operative Bank is guaranteeing its 14 per cent interest rate on Tessas until at least July.

WOOLWICH Building Society launches an improved home contents insurance policy on Tuesday, which will provide cover of up to £750 for the accidental loss of metered water and £1,000 to meet the cost of repairing or replacing a damaged satellite dish. The new policy gives unlimited cover instead of the existing limit of £35,000.

The limit per claim for high risk items, such as video recorders and televisions, is being increased from £7,500 to £10,000 and the single item limit is raised to £1,500. A legal helpline is provided and policyholders will be covered for legal costs up to £50,000.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE — 4/01, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE — 071-637 8464

Life Funds	Bid	Offer	weekly ch'ng	Yld
Squirrel	14.68	15.69		::
Bear	14.31	15.70	-0.12	::
Owl	15.45	16.27	-0.19	::
Bull	14.08	14.83	+0.04	::
Stag	14.49	15.26	+0.37	::
Gilt Edged	13.74			::
Deposit	13.31		+0.01	::
Pensions				
Squirrel	18.81	19.80	+0.02	::
Bear	18.84	19.84	-0.05	::
Owl	19.77	20.82	-0.16	::
Bull	17.15	18.05	+0.17	::
Stag	16.88	17.76	+0.31	::
Gilt Edged	16.0			::
Deposit	16.67		+0.02	::
Exempt App Mixed	184.2	188.0	-0.21	::

ABBEY LIFE — 89, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL — 0202 292373

	Bid	Offer	weekly ch'ng	Yld
Property Fund Inc	288.0	283.2		::
Do Accum	437.1	460.2	-0.1	::
Equity Fund Income	181.9	185.5	-0.2	::
Do Accum	187.3	185.8	-0.3	::
Selective Fund	358.8	376.6	+0.5	::
Money Fund	304.8	320.9	+0.8	::
Prop Fd Ser 4	345.4	363.6	-0.1	::
Equity Ser 4	189.2	187.8	+0.4	::
Man Ser 4	483.7	488.2	+0.9	::
Conv Ser 4	276.1	284.4	+0.6	::
Money Ser 4	289.9	289.2	+0.5	::
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	264.9	267.4	+0.5	::
American Ser 4	336.2	352.9	+21.7	::
High Inc Ser 4	482.6	516.6	-3.1	::
Indexed Inv Ser 4	155.0	163.2	+0.9	::
Japan Ser 4	298.2	311.8	+2.9	::

ALBANY LIFE — 3, Dorking Lane, Potters Bar — 0707 42311

	Bid	Offer	weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equity Fd Acc	211.51	12.11	-0.05	::
European Fd Accum	254.8	267.3	-1.1	::
Fixed Int Acc	268.3	406.1	+0.2	::
Gtd Money Fd Acc	276.4	290.7	+0.4	::
Int Man Fd Acc	411.2	432.6	+7.5	::
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	226.1	240.1	+1.5	::
Japan Fund	274.0	288.4	+5.1	::
North American Fd Acc	291.9	243.9	+10.7	::
Prop Fd Acc	331.5	348.9	+0.5	::
Multiple Inv Acc	758.1	798.0	+2.2	::

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE — Swindon, SN1 1EL — 0793-514014

	Bid	Offer	weekly ch'ng	Yld
Fixed Int Dep Accum	308.3	325.6	+0.4	::
Equity Accum	985.3	1037.2	+0.4	::
Property Accum	505.6	530.0	+0.1	::
Far East Accum	209.9	218.6	+4.7	::
Managed Capital Do Accum	1165.5	1227.7	+7.7	::
	770.7	811.3	+5.5	::
Overseas Accum	685.0	721.1	+3.6	::
Gilt Edged Accum	1248.5	1288.0	+2.5	::
Amer Equity Accum	517.5	544.9	+19.4	::
Amer Man Accum	239.3	245.5	+10.6	::
Amer Prop Accum	128.4	133.1	+0.9	::

ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD — 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ — Freephone 0800 833 500

	Bid	Offer	weekly ch'ng	Yld
International	204.9	215.7	+2.44	::
High Income	169.2	169.2		::
Income & Growth	156.8	311.4	-1.91	::
Smaller Companies	130.9	137.8	-0.51	::
American	185.5	195.1	+4.76	::
Japan & General	466.1	490.5	+6.88	::
Special Situations	240.7	253.3	+1.09	::

BARCLAYS LIFE — 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JS — 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equity Accum	612.2	644.5	-3.6	::
Do Initial	488.5	513.6		::
Gilt Edged Accum	267.7	281.8	-0.4	::
Do Initial	231.3	212.6		::
International Accum	276.9	284.7	+7.5	::
Do Initial	208.4	219.3		::
Managed Accum	384.3	404.5	+1.5	::
Do Initial	299.9	306.1	+1.1	::
Money Accum	241.3	254.0	+0.3	::
Do Initial	178.7	188.0	+0.1	::
Property Accum	274.7	288.9	+0.1	::
Do Initial	206.5	216.4	+0.1	::
America Accum	185.6	195.6	+10.8	::
Do Initial	140.8	148.2	+8.2	::
Pacific Accum	142.6	150.4	+3.5	::
Do Initial	108.0	113.4	+2.6	::
Financial Accum	288.9	302.8	+1.7	::
Do Initial	182.7	192.4	+1.2	::
500 Accum	311.5	327.8	+1.7	::
Do Initial	235.2	247.5	+1.1	::
Japan &Gen Acc 2	322.9	339.8	+3.5	::
Do Initial 2	242.2	254.9	+2.7	::
Income Accum	380.7	400.8	+2.5	::
Do Initial	280.3	295.0	+2.1	::
Leisure Accum	186.3	196.7	+1.1	::
Special Sits Accum	182.7	192.3	+1.4	::
Unit Trust Accum	164.6	173.5	+2.4	::
Do Initial	81.5	85.8	+2.6	::

BLACK HORSE LIFE — Hyndman House, Chatham Kent ME4 4JF — 0634 834000

	Bid	Offer	weekly ch'ng	Yld
The Managed Fund	570.35		+1.25	::
Income Fund	572.1	602.2	-9.86	::
Extra Income Fund	510.2	546.5	+4.72	::
Worldwide Growth Fd	358.7	374.0	+4.41	::
Selected Fund	482.2	507.7	+2.82	::
Gilt/ Co's & Fir Fd	484.7	510.2	+15.94	::
Int Technology Fund	346.8	364.1	+4.98	::
N Amer & Gen Fund	277.6	292.1	+11.22	::
Energy Int Fund	129.9	136.7	+1.29	::
Pacific Basin Fund	288.5	297.4	+5.01	::
Gurnsey Growth Fd	161.1	169.6	+0.48	::
Japan Growth Fd	182.8	192.4	+0.12	::
The UK Gen Fd	180.4	189.9	+0.48	::
Cont Euro Gth	84.6	91.36	+0.25	::
Property Fund	308.4	324.6	+1.88	::
Fixed Interest Fund	238.6	252.7	+0.16	::
Cash Fund	328.3	345.7	+0.34	::
Managed Inv Fund	355.1	373.8	+0.34	::
Nth Amer Recov	155.0	166.3	+5.16	::
Absmm Fund				
Managed Growth	208.2	222.3	+1.15	::
Managed Income	158.4	153.0	--	::

CANADA LIFE — 3-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts — P Bar 51122

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equity Growth	200.5		--	::
Managed	226.1	247.5	-0.6	::
Property	176.5	186.9		::
Gilt & Fixed Int	169.4	178.3	-1.0	::
Index-Linked	147.4	155.2	+0.6	::
Equity	288.6	274.7	-1.5	::
Cash	185.8	195.4	+0.5	::
Midland Bk Int UT	241.0	253.5	-2.9	::
Midland Bk Int	248.3	261.4	+3.0	::

CANNON ASSURANCE — 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB — 081-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Capital Gth Acc	97.5	103.2	+1.3	::
Equity Units	260.22		+1.16	::
Property Units	227.97			::
Bal Bd Euro Unit	247.85	50.69	+0.02	::
2nd Equity Accum	476.5	504.7	+3.5	::
2nd High Inc/Accum	424.7	502.3	-1.2	::
2nd Property Accum	257.1	272.1		::
2nd Managed 2 Acc	139.2	148.3	+0.9	::
2nd Managed Acc	336.9	356.5	+5.7	::
2nd Managed 4 Acc	159.7	167.9	+5.6	::
2nd Int Equity Acc	268.4	284.4	+2.4	::
2nd Gilt Accum	229.9	238.5	+1.9	::
2nd Amer Accum	372.8	394.5	+28.4	::
2nd Int Money Ac	200.0	211.6	+0.9	::
2nd Int Money Inc	200.0	151.2		::
2nd Far East Accum	314.1	332.4	+2.2	::
2nd Global Accum	107.4	113.7	+5.0	::
2nd Euro Accum	119.6	126.5	+0.3	::
2nd Japan Accum	178.8	189.5	+0.7	::
2nd Hedge Acc	71.7	75.9		::
2nd Int Curr Bond	111.1	117.6	+1.1	::

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE — Sentry House, 580, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 3LA — 0908-606101

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Property Fund	207.2	218.1		::
Money Fund	313.6	329.1	+0.9	::
Managed Fund	441.7	465.0	+7.1	::
Equity Fund	251.8	265.1	+5.9	::
Fixed Interest Fund	175.5	184.7	+2.9	::
Far East Fund	367.3	407.7	+3.1	::
Nth Amer Fund	111.7	117.5	+3.9	::
Nat Resources Fund	236.0	248.5	+5.7	::

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL — Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH — 0272 230390 — Assurance Funds

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Sapphire Mixed	204.7	215.5	+1.7	::
Ruby	110.7	116.6	+0.3	::
Emerald	111.0	116.9	+0.4	::
Sapphire	240.5	253.2	+2.2	::
Property	183.9	192.7		::
Gilt & Fixed Int	150.1	158.1	+0.5	::
Indexed Seca	139.6	146.9	+0.5	::
Cash	154.1	162.2	+0.3	::
Nth American	144.1	151.7	+7.7	::
Far East	194.3	204.6	+3.3	::
International	167.0	175.8	+3.4	::
Special Sits	205.6	216.5	+2.5	::
Int Income	212.1	223.3	+0.4	::
American Inc	127.2	133.9	+7.2	::
European	215.4	226.8		::
Japanese	120.0	126.4	+0.7	::
Gtd Asia	162.7	182.4	+1.1	::
Home Inv WP Reg	122.3	128.7	+0.2	::
Home Inv WP Spec	122.3	128.7	+0.2	::

Flexible Retirement Plans Funds

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Mixed	208.8	220.0	+1.5	::
Equity	239.0	256.4	+0.5	::
Property	157.3	165.6		::
Gilt & Fixed Int	167.2	176.1	+0.7	::
Index Linked	157.9	166.2	+0.7	::
Cash	154.1	162.2	+0.3	::
Nth American	144.1	151.7	+7.7	::
Far East	194.3	204.6	+3.3	::
International	167.0	175.8	+3.4	::
Special Sits	205.6	216.5	+2.5	::
Int Income	212.1	223.3	+0.4	::
American Inc	127.2	133.9	+7.2	::
European	215.4	226.8		::
Japanese	120.0	126.4	+0.7	::
Gtd Asia	162.7	182.4	+1.1	::
Home Inv WP Reg	122.3	128.7	+0.2	::
Home Inv WP Spec	122.3	128.7	+0.2	::

COLONIAL MUTUAL — 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD — 071-248 9881

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
CML U Asc/Key	187.45			::
CML U Asc/Provider	282.82			::
CML U Asc/Cash	177.4	181.5	+0.28	::
CML U Asc/Equity	412.0	433.7	+0.78	::
CML U Asc/Fd	344.7	357.6	+0.08	::
CML U Asc/Mngd	301.4	317.3	+0.51	::
CML U Asc/Prop	209.7	222.9	+0.81	::
CML/Pen/Cash Cap	185.3	193.0		::
CML/Pen/Cash Inv	226.7	248.1		::
CML/Pen/Equity Cap	211.28	11.89		::
CML/Pen/Equity Inv	214.01	15.39		::
CML/Pen/Fixed Cap	271.5	285.5		::
CML/Pen/Fixed Inv	349.0	367.4		::
CML/Pen/Index Cap	171.5	180.3		::
CML/Pen/Index Inv	220.3	231.8		::
CML/Pen/Man Cap	453.2	477.1		::
CML/Pen/Man Inv	582.8	613.3		::

COMMERCIAL UNION — 55 Helens, 1 Undershaft, EC3 — 071-283 7500

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Var Ann Equity (S)	488.24			::
Var Ann (S)	78.64		-0.06	::
Prime- Managed	278.4	293.1	+0.2	::
Prime- UK Equity	341.5	359.5	+2.5	::
Prime- Int Equity	197.1	207.5	+1.4	::
Prime- Property	177.4	186.8	+0.3	::
Prime- Fixed Interest	167.9	176.8	+1.1	::
Prime- Index-Linked	132.7	139.7	+0.5	::
Prime- Cash	170.1	179.1	+1.1	::

CONFEDERATION LIFE — 65 Gresham Street, London WC2A 1HE — 071-242 0282

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Managed Fund	696.1	665.5	+11.1	::
Equity Fund	212.06	13.72	+0.17	::
PP Fund	252.159		--	::

CROWN FINANCIAL — Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW — 04862 6933

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Life Managed Acc	427.4	448.8	+2.5	::
Life Fixed Int Accum	270.9	284.4	+0.6	::
Life Equity Accum	388.5	693.5	+1.4	::
Life Money Accum	283.1	298.2	+0.4	::
Life Inv Trust Accum	628.3	659.5	+2.5	::
Life Int Accum	373.2	392.5	+7.2	::
Life High Inc Accum	695.7	698.1	+5.6	::
Life Property Accum	213.8	224.6	+0.2	::
Crown Brit Inv A	608.7	638.0		::
Crown Equity	519.3	546.8		::
DSS Managed	282.7	288.0		::
Growth Accum	281.0	295.7		::

CRUSADER INSURANCE — Reliance Survey RH2 8BL — 07372 42424

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Measured perf	116.8	117.2	+0.7	::
Performance Plus	108.3	112.5	+0.8	::
With Profit Perf	132.4	140.1	--	::
UK Opportunity	138.1	146.1	-1.9	::
Euro Opportunity	131.0	138.5	+0.5	::
North Amer Opp	91.1	96.4	+4.1	::
Far East Opp	133.1	139.3	+1.9	::
Gth Prop Series 1	173.4	182.8		::
Gth Prop Series 2	159.7	169.5	+0.1	::
Fixed Int	128.6	130.7	+0.2	::
Cash	121.4	128.0	+0.2	::
Managed Pens	417.7	420.1	+7.0	::
Overseas	118.9	125.8		::

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE — Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ — 0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Secure Fund	148.2	152.6	+0.2	::
Blue Chip Fund	171.6	182.0	-0.2	::
Do Series 2	104.4	110.2	-0.2	::
Adventurous Fund	154.4	162.8	+2.7	::
Do Series 2	112.2	118.7	+1.7	::
Performance Fund	178.4	187.4	+4.2	::
Do Series 2	113.4	119.5	+2.6	::
UK Prof Fnd Inc	102.2	107.6	+0.1	::
UK Equity Fund	104.4	109.9	+0.1	::
Property Fund	97.3	102.5	+0.1	::
Environment Opps	104.1	109.6	+1.7	::
Euro Fund	98.6	104.9		::
North Amer Fund	121.4	127.8	+0.5	::
Oriental Opps	116.7	122.9	+0.5	::
Sterling Bond	104.4	109.9	+0.7	::
Int & West Life	71.7	75.9		::
Int & West Pen	101.1	106.5	+0.2	::

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND — 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 — 071-606 1212

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Eagle/Midland Units	189.0	200.2	-0.9	4.44

EQUITY & LAW — Mutual Road, High Wycombe — 0494 463463

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Reserve	--	--	--	::
Balanced (Mod)	508.5	533.1	+0.5	::
Opportunity	116.0	121.0	+0.6	::
UK Leaders	112.3	117.2	+0.5	::
Higher Inc	712.2	748.6	+2.4	::
North Amer	269.1	287.9	+10.7	::
Far East	372.4	391.9	+2.7	::
Property	448.6	473.2	+1.6	::
Money Gth	191.1	198.5	+0.1	::
Ind-Linked Sec	139.2	146.5	+0.7	::
Gtwd Depst	249.5	258.3	+0.4	::

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT — Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3RH — 0722 413366

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Managed (Mixed)	208.5	220.6	-0.9	::
With Profit Perf	271.3	286.2	--	::
Stewardship	236.5	248.4	-1.1	::
Overseas Equity	182.2	202.4	+3.6	::
North American	108.9	115.1	+5.4	::

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Property swaps hit by spate of closures



Market leader: Valerie and Peter Jones of NPE

By CLIVE PARISH

HOUSE and flat hunters attracted by the prospect of saving thousands of pounds on their next move could find themselves caught in a web of business break-ups.

A spate of closures among property exchange companies may have left hundreds of people with no hope of a refund or the chance of moving home. The names of other subscribers have been passed on to insurance salesmen looking for "hot" mortgage leads.

Property exchange schemes first appeared in the late Eighties, offering a cheap, nationwide alternative to estate agents that avoided the need to pay costly commission or stamp duty. For a small fee, typically less than £50, home owners register their property and state the area and price range they want. They are then sent a regularly updated list of available properties for as long as their registration lasts, usually some months.

The hope is to link up in a single or multi-swap arrangement. Some schemes leave it to the individual to arrange their own exchanges via the published registers, others offer their own "computer-dating", or matchmaking service, and charge a completion fee of a few hundred pounds.

Either way, as long as the difference between the prices of the properties exchanged is less than £30,000, no stamp duty is payable. And an estate agent can still be instructed without incurring the higher multi-commission rates.

The success of a scheme is dependent on numbers. The more on the register, the greater the company's revenue and the better the chances of a successful swap.

However, exchange schemes have been feeling the slump as keenly as other businesses in the housing market. While property exchange normally suffers from a surfeit of people looking to swap homes, the pressure on hard-pressed mortgage holders to make use of the service to find cheaper homes has not come to the rescue of several schemes.

A statement issued by the National Property Exchange (NPE), a scheme based in Southsea, Hampshire, named up to ten exchange companies thought to have ceased trading since Christmas. It offered a one-third discount to subscribers of failed competitors.

The statement said that others had "galloped into the market without adequate thought", and had concerned themselves with "little more than the greed of collecting subscriptions".

But NPE, which is run by a husband and wife team, Valerie and Peter Jones, and says it has Britain's largest register with 6,000 properties, named at least one company still in business, Property Exchange Directory of Brighton.

According to Susan Nunn, one of the company's three partners, it has 1,960 properties registered and provides removal assistance and legal and mortgage advice, as well as a computer matching service. It was a "market leader" with NPE.

Ms Nunn said: "We are all worried about the integrity of the property exchange business. The whole industry is being brought into disrepute by companies going under. A lot of people will have lost their money.

"We tend to hear who goes out of business. Some have not been running very long, but they couldn't afford to keep up the expense of national advertising.

"We've taken over one register. They were in a terrible state financially despite a lot of hard work. Like all new ideas, you don't know how it's going to work. It's not just a new business but a new idea."

One company that has ceased trading is Chainbreaker Home Exchange UK, based in Southampton. Its register, however, has been taken over by a new company, also called Chainbreaker, which operates out of a branch office of Manulife Financial, the life assurance company, in Chandlers Ford, Hampshire. A separate telephone line is used to take calls for Chainbreaker.

Rod Newman, one of two directors running the new business, said that the 180 existing customers had been taken on at the insistence of the old company. The fortnightly update was being revamped into a brochure and a new commercial section was being added. The scheme was being thrown open to anyone who just wanted to buy or sell, and there would be no charge to register.

"We want to build up the register again, but we will consider a small charge later," said Mr Newman.

"We use the office of a large assurance company with the permission of the management. It cuts down on overheads. We are also in a good position to quote for any mortgage or finance business they may need when moving house."

Graham Sandy, Manulife's director for the southern region, was at first unaware of the arrangement. He said: "All our consultants are self-employed. If they decide to buy a hotel there are no restrictions. What they can't do is operate any financial services of another company."

Later he confirmed that two Manulife consultants had taken over publication of the register because "they were getting good mortgage leads" and were running Chainbreaker with the knowledge of the branch manager. They were involved, however, on a rescue-only basis until existing contracts had been fulfilled.

The matter would then be reviewed and in the meantime the operation would be funded out of the commission on endowment policies. "Provided people get the service they expect, it is cheaper than estate agents, and they get 'best advice' as Lautro requires, then I think the service is excellent," said Mr Sandy.

Lenders hope for Easter fillip on homes front

Borrowers can expect a cut in mortgage rates early next week, reports Lindsay Cook

MORTGAGE interest rates come down for most borrowers on Monday and there is the promise of a further fall before too long, whether base rates are cut again or not. Fixed rate and stabiliser loans are being offered to homebuyers and the number and size of first-time buyer discounts has increased this week.

Lenders hope the housing market will improve during the Easter weekend. Traditionally, the holiday has spelled the start of the house moving season. Brighter weather and lighter evenings encourage home hunting.

The Portman Wessex Building Society this week launched a fixed rate mortgage at 11 per cent until June 30, 1993. This overtakes its offer last week of loans at 11.75 per cent. The cheap rate is available on repayment, endowment and pension mortgages. There is £50 million available.

Most societies are moving on to a base rate of 13.75 per cent on Monday. Bank base rates would have to come down at least another 2 per centage points for variable mortgage rates to equal the Portman offer.

Ken Culley, Portman chief executive, said: "Whilst this product is being introduced against the background of an anticipation that mortgage interest rates will fall further this year, I know that for some of our customers the importance of knowing exactly where they stand with their financial commitments over a period of time is important."

There is an arrangement fee of £350. The society will charge three months' interest to anyone moving on within the fixed-rate period, and one month's in the following three years. At the end of the fixed period, borrowers may be offered a further fixed term, depending on the availability of funds and the conduct of the account.

The Scarborough Building Society has a three-year fixed rate mortgage at 11.75 per cent. The rate is available on repayment, endowment and pension mortgages. An arrangement fee of £150 is charged and there is an early redemption penalty of three months' interest.

Colin Macleod, assistant general manager, said: "The latest 0.5 per cent drop in base rates, allied to a clear consumer wish to get the housing market on the move again, has given us both scope and demand to create a highly appealing product."

Citibank is offering fixed mortgages over ten years at 11.96 per cent or over five years at 11.9 per cent. It also has one-year capped mortgage at 11.99 per cent and a two-year capped rate of 11.98 per cent. With the capped mortgages, the customer is charged an interest rate that cannot be increased. However, if interest rates in general fall below the capped rate, the borrowers receive the benefit of the lower rates.

Stephen Balme, marketing director at Citibank Mortgage, said: "The events of the past two years have demonstrated how difficult it is to predict interest rate movements and monthly mortgage costs.

"Whilst interest rates seem to fall by the day, home owners remain nervous about the long and short-term outlook for interest rates, especially the younger and first-time buyers, for whom stability of rate is so important."

The bank charges one month's gross interest as an arrangement fee for the ten-year loan. This can be added to the mortgage. The five-year fixed loans have a fee of £294. The fees for one-year and two-year capped loans are £196 and £296. There is a three month penalty for redemption during the fixed and capped periods.

Barclays Bank has introduced a mortgage with a stabilised rate of 11.95 per cent, on which payments are based.

With stabiliser loans, interest is deferred when rates are high and when they are low any previously deferred interest is reduced.

Currently, this would mean that 1.8 per cent of the mortgage rate for new borrowers would be added to the loan. To qualify, applicants must be earning more than £15,000 a year.

The bank also offers a 1 per cent discount on endowment and pension-linked mortgages for first-time buyers and those borrowing more than £75,000.

National & Provincial Building Society is increasing its mortgage discount for first-time buyers to 2 per cent. This applies until the end of the year and gives an initial interest rate of 11.75 per cent. On a £30,000 mortgage the saving could be £400.

Brian Morrison, director of mortgages and secured lending, said: "First-time buyers are still facing historically high repayments, even with recent reductions in interest rates."

The society has also set up a helpline for customers on its annual review scheme for mortgages who are having difficulty meeting their payments.

Those who telephone 0274 84200 can have their payments changed to the society's new standard rate of 13.75 per cent.

Mr Morrison said: "In view of the planned reduction in interest rates, some people may wish to reduce their existing repayments to reflect the new rate straight away. We are pleased to be able to offer a reduction in payments to our existing customers on this occasion."

National Westminster Home Loans is offering a 1.25 per cent discount on repayment, endowment and pension mortgages for first-time buyers. This gives a mortgage rate of 12.5 per cent. On a £30,000 mortgage, the monthly saving is more than £20.

Gil Gillis, managing director of NatWest Home Loans, said: "This should help first-time buyers during the spring house buying season by putting cash back into their pockets at a time when they need it most – during the first year."

At Abbey National, which offers a fixed-rate mortgage of 12.25 per cent until June 1994, John Fry, director of group services, said the housing market was beginning to show the first signs of recovery.

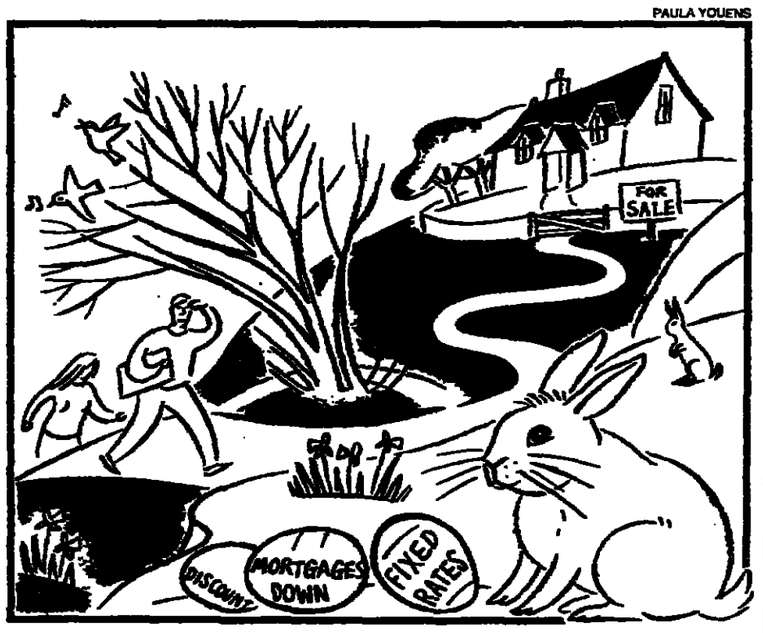
"The weather is a bit better. People have time to look at properties over Easter and rates are coming down. This is good news for the market. It will start a gentle awakening of interest for people," he said.

Jim Birrell, chief executive of the Halifax, said this week that if the expected half per cent cut in bank base rates was not made in the next few weeks, the society would cut mortgage rates to take account of the last reduction. He was hopeful of another half-point cut soon, but felt that borrowers would have to wait for a more substantial reduction.

Jon Foulds, the society's chairman, said: "A stronger recovery is needed to help the substantial number of borrowers still in difficulties. Such a recovery is dependent on base rates falling below 12 per cent."

If they fell that far this year, he expected house prices would increase 3 to 4 per cent and the volume of business to rise 20 per cent. Last year, total British mortgage lending was £32 billion.

PAULA YOUENS



Fixed rates prop up income

By OUR MONEY EDITOR

SAVERS should start looking to lock into fixed interest rates to guarantee their income over the next few years as base rates fall.

Chase de Vere Investments is offering a guaranteed income bond paying 9.5 per cent for three years. For those not wanting to take income, the guaranteed bond will given a return of 31.29 per cent, assuming that basic rate tax is paid.

For a higher rate taxpayer the annual return is 8.08 per cent and the growth option provides 26.6 per cent.

The bond, which has a minimum investment of £5,000, is fully protected under the Policyholders' Protection Act.

Roz Barder, manager of Chase de Vere Moneyline research and information division, said: "Guaranteed income bonds continue to be very popular. However, with interest rates continuing to fall, this bond locks into the higher rate without having to tie money up for too long."

National Savings has withdrawn its 35th issue of savings certificates guaranteeing 9.5 per cent tax-free over five years. It has been replaced by the 36th issue paying 8.5 per cent.

There are few building society accounts offering fixed returns. Most guarantee to pay a fixed amount above the society's ordinary share rate. This can lead to disappointment after a few months when more attractive rates are offered on shorter term accounts.

When an account is closed to newcomers the interest rate may not be kept at the same key rate as it was when new money was needed.

A reader who placed £600,000 into a two-year term account with the Nationwide Building Society early last year was dismayed to find that a one-year account was launched a few months later paying 1 per cent more than he was receiving.

The differential between the two accounts continues and he cannot earn the higher amount without sacrificing 90 days' interest.

Grandparents urged to help families save tax

GRANDPARENTS are being encouraged to use the new tax system on savings to help their families pay less tax. The Yorkshire Building Society has published an information leaflet that details the scrapping of composite rate tax (CRT) on savings accounts from April 6 (Lindsay Cook writes).

The guide explains that non-taxpayers will be able to earn gross interest payments under the new system. This will make it more tax-efficient to give money directly to a child rather than to the parents.

Until CRT is abolished all interest paid on bank and building society savings accounts will be taxed at 22 per cent, which cannot be reclaimed by non-taxpayers. It therefore has made little difference whether grandparents give spare money to their grandchildren rather than to the parents.

From now on, grandparents keen both to give to their family and to help minimise their offspring's tax bill can hand over even more through careful planning, the leaflet advises.

Up to £3,000 a year can be given away without the risk of any potential liability to inheritance tax. If no gift was made in the last financial year ending on April 5, 1990, then up to £6,000 can be handed over before next Saturday.

If a grandparent gives money to the parent that is eventually intended for a grandchild there could be, as far as the Inland Revenue is concerned, confusion as to where the money came from. Parents are limited in the amount that they can give to their children and for the youngsters' savings still to qualify for gross payment of interest.

Grandparents can, however, give with no limit, so long as the child's total income is not more than £3,295 in 1991-2.

Money in a non-taxpaying child's account can earn 33 per cent more interest than it would in an account belonging to a taxpaying parent. One thousand pounds invested at a gross rate of 10 per cent would earn interest of £100. The same account with basic rate tax deducted would produce £75.

The Yorkshire's leaflet aims to help older people to use changes to tax laws such as the introduction of independent taxation to reduce tax bills.


George Lowe: 'great care'

Classic cars cover more of the road

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

AN INSURANCE policy that encourages classic car owners to use their vehicles was launched this week by AA Insurance. The policy, underwritten by Economic Insurance, allows drivers to use their cars for 10,000 miles a year instead of the more usual 3,000 for this kind of cover.

The premiums are worked out according to the type of car, the mileage and the vehicle's age. As well as covering the car comprehensively, AA Cherished Car provides a free annual valuation for owners of cars worth more than £10,000. Those with less valuable cars can use the independent valuation scheme by paying an extra £20.

Included in the price of the policy is a claims assistance service that recovers out-of-pocket expenses when someone else is to blame for an accident. This can include any excess on the policy and hire of another car while the insured's is off the road.

The policy will cover cars from ten years old up to a value of £150,000. Drivers can use their cars for commuting, rallies and trials and even hire them out for weddings. Racing is banned.

The owner of a 1964 Morris Minor 1000 worth £1,500 who plans to drive it for 1,500 miles a year could pay as little as £51.70 a year if the car is garaged and he or she lives in Whitchurch, Hampshire. The driver would also pay the first £50 of accidental damage.

A 1904 Renault Park Phaeton worth £80,000 and driven sedately for 1,500 miles a year would cost £446.70 with an excess of £150.

At the other end of the speed scale the owner of a Ferrari 512 BB Boxer worth £87,000 and driven for 3,000 miles a year would pay £651.70. An excess of £100 would operate.

George Lowe, AA insurance director, said: "Although claims can be expensive, because of the rarity and value of the cars involved, this has to be balanced against the fact that they are used for relatively little time, and that great care is generally taken of them.

"Many, indeed, represent huge investments to their owners."

Hong Kong's high risk attraction

By BARBARA ELLIS

UNIT trusts specialising in Hong Kong have lately topped the one-year performance tables for the Far East without Japan. However, one trust heavily invested in the colony has recently been on offer at a discount.

With Chinese rule looming just beyond horizon, are small investors once more building up to an awful let-down, this time in Hong Kong?

Thornton Unit Management has just closed a one-week 1 per cent discount offer on its Oriental Income unit trust, 30 per cent of which is invested in Hong Kong. Thornton's Tiger trust currently has 45 per cent of its portfolio in the colony and no terms of reference to prevent 100 per cent investment in the area.

However, Nick Hodgson of Thornton said that single-country investment is not the group's style. He explained that the special offer on the Oriental Income fund was run to alert investors to the possibility of a relatively high income from a traditionally low or no-yield region. Oriental Income is yielding 5.2 per cent compared with a Far Eastern average of 0.9 per cent.

Mr Hodgson said that the reversion of Hong Kong's lease to China in 1997 would not necessarily be a problem as economic dependence is already a reality. He said: "Hong Kong was the only major market to show a positive return last year in local currency terms. It is a volatile area but tremendous growth is likely with a certain amount of associated risk."

Providence Capitol's £11.5 million Hong Kong unit trust ranked first of the 38 Far East funds excluding Japan monitored by Micropal, with a gain of 10.3 per cent in the year to March 11.

Ashok Shah, the fund manager, noting China's commitment to retain the present system in Hong Kong for 50 years, said: "A lot of people focus on 1997 as if everything were going to zero value then, but that really is not the case. The Chinese could change the rules. But it is in their interest not to disturb Hong Kong. It provides huge employment for southern China."

Mr Shah has concentrated on companies included in the Hang Seng index, avoiding hotels, textiles and property. At present his largest holding is in Hong Kong Telecom. He pointed out that in the immediate future the colony's performance would depend very much on what happened to the American economy, its biggest export market.

"We have marketed the Hong Kong trust as a very high risk, volatile trust simply because it is a single country trust," he said. "The change of ownership implies a political risk which may or may not be already fully discounted by the market."

At Gartmore, the £11 million Hong Kong trust run by Bruce Seton showed a gain of 8.1 per cent over the year to mid-March and Mr Seton said he felt that the political risk was probably already built in to market prices in Hong Kong, adding that price/earning ratios there are at about half the levels seen elsewhere.

"You have political risks wherever you go," he said. "The factor I like is that you are investing in a country which is dollar denominated, so there is reasonable currency stability. Also, it has access to about a billion people as a manufacturing area."

Gartmore's Hong Kong trust consists mainly of blue chip stocks with a few good quality second line companies such as Amoy Properties. "It is already a volatile market," Mr Seton said. "You don't need to emphasize that by going into third liners."

Wardley's £5.5 million Hong Kong trust gained 5.9 per cent in the year to mid-March, ranking third behind Providence Capitol and Gartmore.

Wai Keung Wan, the manager of Wardley's fund, took a sanguine view of developments after 1997, but said there could be some bumpy times.

Small investors should watch out for the currency risk when investing in Hong Kong, he said. "Currency movements have been so brisk in recent times, the exchange rate can go up or down by more than 10 per cent in a matter of weeks. You might get the market right but have your gain totally wiped out."

A weak outlook for sterling would be a positive factor for investment in non-sterling trusts," he added.

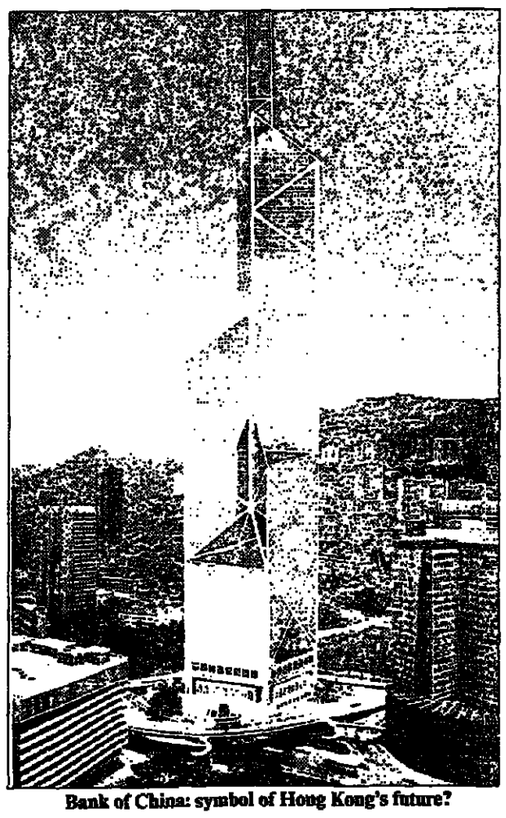
Mr Wan said the Hong Kong market is still comparatively cheap, with companies selling at prices equivalent to ten times their prospective earnings. But if these price/earnings ratios moved up to 15 investors should see it as a danger sign and take a cautious view.

"There's no place like Hong Kong," said Mr Wan. "A lot of people have gone to Canada or Australia to buy some sort of insurance policy by having a different passport, but those places are nothing in terms of business opportunities or career advancement. That is why they are coming back."

Fund managers are not alone in their positive views of Hong Kong.

"One thing communism did for China was to feed a billion previously starving people," said James McBurney, Asian development director at MacArthur & Co, the broker. The Bank of China building in Hong Kong was, he believed, a good symbol of China's attitude to Hong Kong.

"It is going to be difficult for the system to change but I don't believe they will disturb Hong Kong as such," he said. "The Chinese are totally, totally commercial people – and Hong Kong is the cash cow of China."


Bank of China: symbol of Hong Kong's future?

Investors must register for Scottish power

By SARA MCCONNELL

INVESTORS who want to buy shares in the two Scottish electricity companies, ScottishPower and Hydro-Electric, must register with the Scottish Share Information Office to apply for shares and qualify for incentives.

Even those who registered for shares and incentives in the 12 English electricity distribution companies and were, therefore, automatically registered for the flotation of National Power and PowerGen, the two English generating companies, will have to register again for the Scottish privatisations.

A marketing and advertising campaign for the sale of the companies was launched this week and the sale of the shares is planned for the end of May. Customers will either be able to invest in the shares of their own company or in a package containing shares in both companies. The proportions of shares allocated to each will be announced on Impact Day, when the price is set.

Non-customers will be offered the package of shares, which will be traded separately after dealings have started. Both companies will have the same share price.

Customers who apply for shares in both companies will be eligible for incentives on the shares allotted to them in their own company as well as the incentives for non-customers in the other company. The information office said the incentives for non-customers were less attractive than for customers.

All customers will be sent details of the offers by the chairmen of the companies. The information office will send details to non-Scottish investors who applied for share in the regional electricity companies.

All those who register will be sent brochures, a mini-prospectus and an application form.

No potential investors will be able to register after a deadline, which will be announced when the pathfinder prospectus is published.

Unlike their English counterparts, ScottishPower and Hydro-Electric each generate, transmit, supply and distribute electricity. They also sell and service electrical goods and appliances.

Transfer scandal

From Dr H.M. Watson

Sir, It is good to know that the Treasury is leaning on banks to come up with an improved, acceptable banking code. To this transplanted Yank, one of the great UK banking scandals is the refusal of banks to transfer funds automatically from savings account to a checking account to cover an inadvertent overdraft.

Surely, this would be simpler and saner than the present practice, which may be a moneyspinner for banks but is a great irritant to their clientele? The old excuse that "our computer can't do it" is hogwash — they manage in the USA. Even doing it by hand would be simpler than adding several charges and sending notices.

Yours faithfully,
H.M. WATSON,
17 Franks Avenue,
New Malden, Surrey.

LETTERS

Public afraid of bank practice

From Prof Anthony Field CBE

Sir, Every week your columns are full of letters complaining about "high-handed treatment of banks" and "a deadly price for carrying cash" (Weekend Money, February 23). Banks are laying charges and interest payments without notice on small account customers in every direction.

On the other hand we hear of banks complaining about the results of their indiscriminate actions. They are concerned that not sufficient direct debits go through the system, but many people tear up documents urging them to use the direct debit system because such transactions are difficult to monitor in such a way as to avoid onerous penalties on small overdrafts. Banks worry that 9 million cheques are written daily, a third of them by individuals; again the result of those struggling to control their accounts without needing to be a fully trained accountant to avoid overdraft penalties or charges for standing orders.

Banks and insurance companies are concerned about the amount of cash attracting armed raiders and burglars, again the result of the public finding the banks' charges and interest penalties too onerous to continue to use credit cards. There is no doubt that as soon as banks return to providing a service in return for holding our money in their accounts the public will more readily fall into the modern business practices they would urge us to employ.

Yours faithfully,
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Unfair shares

From Mr Terence Mendoza

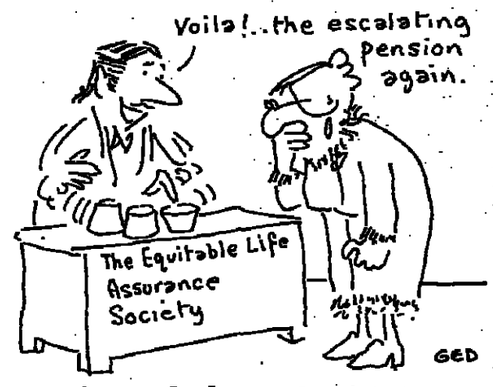
Sir, Influenced by the recent pre-launch publicity of electricity shares, my wife and I registered ourselves and our sons. Information packs arrived and we sat back to await the promised application forms. The postal deadline was 6th March and, as no forms had arrived by 4th March, we filled in and returned the forms published in the newspapers for the minimum number of shares each. Our "registrant" application forms arrived in the post the day before trading, but we were not unduly perturbed as we had already applied. However, it did seem both pointless and expensive sending forms after the deadline.

We realised personally how expensive when our cheques and forms were returned with a printed note from the Lloyds Bank chief registrar regretting that no shares were allocated to us "due to a high level of demand".

I feel the true reason was not the level of demand but the level of incompetence, dispatching forms too late and compounded by reliance on a much-trumpeted computer system.

The present premium on these shares is 40p, so between the Lloyds Bank and the electricity companies, each member of my family has been presented with a loss on paper of £120.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE MENDOZA,
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Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.



Society's raw deal

From Mr M.G. Canty

Sir, I read with interest your comments concerning Nationwide Building Society's shoddy treatment of its borrowers who are a captive audience to the imposed higher mortgage rate they are having to pay. This lack of concern was also experienced earlier this year, as you are no doubt aware, by the society's investors who were given a raw deal when certain accounts were discontinued "on the quiet". At one time, Nationwide prided itself in always striving to provide the best for all of its customers.

I realise that it is easy to put two and two together to make five, but it appears to me that these actions are surely the signs of an organisation in difficulty — a loss making current account allied to a high loss making estate agency chain together with the redundancies which are still ongoing. Is it fair that borrowers and investors are having to be penalised by the deficiencies of this organisation's management?

Yours faithfully,
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Warrington,
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Pensions con trick

From Mr Ian M. Lang

Sir, The figures from Equitable Life used in Helen Pridham's article (Weekend Money, March 9) highlight what a total con trick is being inflicted on pensioners.

What she failed to point out in the second column is that it takes at least 13 or 14 years before the total amount paid out in the 5 per cent escalating pension equals the actual cash paid out on a level pension.

The figures are even worse after the effect of inflation on what has been kept back in the early years of an escalating pension — because the £370 difference does not get paid back until year 12 or 13. This is hardly a fair bargain.

Yours faithfully,
IAN M. LANG,
Whitewick Farm,
Stolford, Stogursey,
Bridgwater, Somerset.

Mortgage cut in line with other lenders

From Mr Peter Munday

Sir, Your readers who are currently looking to move or buy a home for the first time might have been a little surprised by the tone of your recent Comment article (Weekend Money, March 23) which appeared to take Nationwide to task for being the only leading lender to make a significant mortgage interest rate cut for new borrowers at the time of the latest base rate reduction.

Surely, the fact that we have introduced new mortgage rates ranging from 11.95 to 12.95 per cent from 1st April for new borrowers should be seen as a development to be encouraged rather than censured. Your suggestion appears to be that by being alone in making an extra effort to help new borrowers we are being unfair to our existing borrowers and offering them uncompetitive rates. This is not the case.

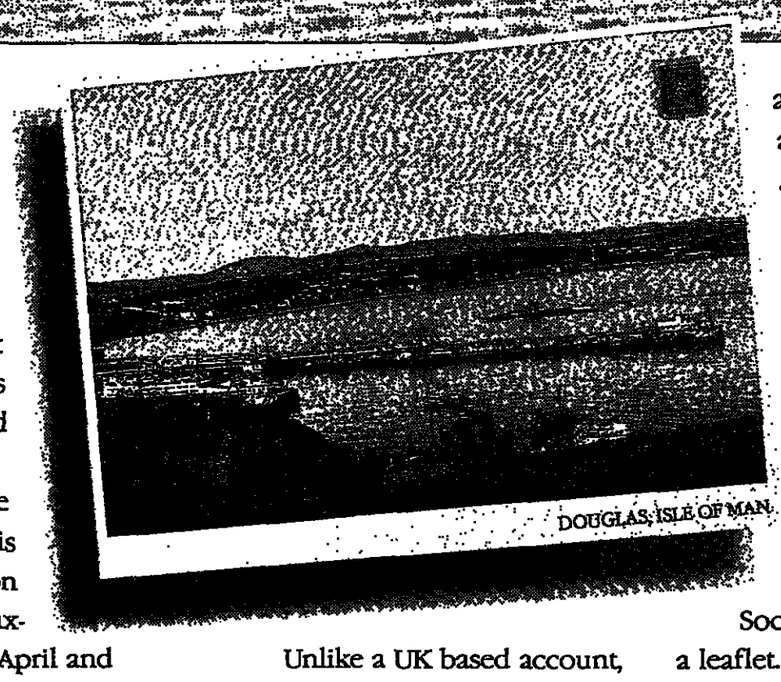
We took the decision following the most recent 0.5 per cent base rate cut that it would make sense to wait for a further reduction before bringing down our rates for our existing borrowers. All the other major lenders decided on the same course of action. This is because frequent small rate reductions bring with them additional administrative costs which would not be in the interests of our members in the long run. We hope that another base rate cut is not far off, and when this happens we will be quick to reduce rates significantly again for our existing borrowers.

In fact, our existing borrowers are just about to benefit from the earlier rate reductions we have announced which come into effect from 1st April. From this date, we are offering our existing customers interest rates which range from 12.9 to 13.9 per cent depending upon the amounts borrowed. It is, therefore, misleading to focus, as you did, on the basic rate which applies for mortgages of less than £60,000.

Yours faithfully,
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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Recovery Fund on 23rd May 1969, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	BUILDING SOCIETY
23 May '69	£1,000	£1,000
1970	£1,200	£1,138
1975	£2,896	£1,816
1980	£12,144	£3,192
1985	£33,848	£5,693
31 DEC '90	£76,800	£9,940*

NOTES: Figures include reinvested gross income. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Recovery Fund on 31st December 1985 would have grown to £2,140 by 31st December 1990. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. *Estimated using current interest rate levels.

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Dividend Fund on 6th May 1964, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	£1,000	£1,000
1965	£1,112	£1,106
1970	£1,606	£1,606
1975	£3,460	£2,562
1980	£7,806	£4,504
1985	£30,030	£8,031
31 DEC '90	£61,480	£14,023*

NOTES: All figures include reinvested gross income. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Dividend figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Dividend Fund on 31st December 1985 would have grown to £1,571 by 31st December 1990. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. *Estimated using current interest rate levels.

M&G SECOND GENERAL

The Fund's objective is consistent long-term growth of both income and capital. It may invest in any section of British industry or commerce, and may include a proportion of overseas holdings. It aims to produce a yield in line with that of the F.T. Actuaries All-Share Index.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Second General Fund on 5th June 1956, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	BUILDING SOCIETY
5 June '56	£1,000	£1,000
1960	£2,102	£1,298
1965	£3,617	£1,742
1970	£5,865	£2,529
1975	£10,748	£4,036
1980	£28,516	£7,095
1985	£84,920	£12,652
31 DEC '90	£152,596	£22,091*

NOTES: All figures include reinvested gross income. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Second General figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Second General on 31st December 1985 would have grown to £1,695 by 31st December 1990. Trustee: Lloyds Bank PLC. *Estimated using current interest rate levers.

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Designed for investors whose primary requirement is an above average and increasing income. The Fund's objective is to provide a yield about 60% higher than that of the F.T. Actuaries All-Share Index. It invests principally in the ordinary shares of UK companies.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Extra Yield Fund on 19th November 1973, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G EXTRA YIELD	BUILDING SOCIETY
9 Nov '73	£1,000	£1,000
1975	£1,360	£1,250
1980	£2,954	£2,198
1985	£10,032	£3,919
31 DEC '90	£21,260	£6,843*

NOTE: All figures include reinvested gross income. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Extra Yield figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Extra Yield Fund on 31st December 1985 would have grown to £1,999 by 31st December 1990. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. *Estimated using current interest rate levels.

M&G SMALLER COMPANIES

Designed to provide an investment in smaller companies, where good management can have most impact on earnings. The market in shares of smaller companies can be narrow and the share prices volatile, but investment in such shares can offer prospects of above average capital growth. A proportion of the Fund may be invested in the U.S.M. and unquoted securities. Yield is not a major factor and can be expected to be less than that provided by the F.T. Actuaries All-Share Index.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Smaller Companies Fund on 27th September 1967, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G SMALLER COMPANIES	BUILDING SOCIETY
27 Sept '67	£1,000	£1,000
1970	£1,402	£1,289
1975	£2,094	£2,056
1980	£7,818	£3,614
1985	£19,860	£6,445
31 DEC '90	£37,480	£11,254*

NOTE: All figures include reinvested gross income. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Smaller Companies figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Smaller Companies Fund on 31st December 1985 would have grown to £1,764 by 31st December 1990. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. *Estimated using current interest rate levels.

M&G MIDLAND & GENERAL

Invests in industrial and commercial companies, with particular emphasis on smaller companies operating in the Midlands and other regional centres. The Fund's objective is to produce steady growth of both income and capital, with a yield about 25% higher than the F.T. Actuaries All-Share Index.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Midland & General Fund on 19th June 1956, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G MIDLAND	BUILDING SOCIETY
19 June '56	£1,000	£1,000
1960	£2,244	£1,292
1965	£3,645	£1,734
1970	£5,308	£2,518
1975	£9,855	£4,018
1980	£22,221	£7,063
1985	£91,442	£12,595
31 DEC '90	£201,744	£21,991*

NOTES: All figures include reinvested gross income. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Midland figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Midland on 31st December 1985 would have grown to £2,081 by 31st December 1990. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. *Estimated using current interest rate levels.

PRICES AND YIELDS

On 31st December 1990 the offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Acc. Units	Yield	Spread	Max Spread
Recovery	38.9p	6.30%	5.40%	7.97%
Dividend	96.3p	6.80%	5.40%	7.48%
Second	100.4p	5.70%	5.48%	8.07%
Extra Yield	786.7p	7.34%	5.44%	7.56%
Smaller Companies	79.8p	5.67%	5.39%	9.77%
Midland	119.7p	6.53%	5.43%	8.86%

HOW THE PLAN WORKS

LUMP SUM You can invest from £1,200 to £3,000 by cheque in any one tax year

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS You can contribute from £60 to £250 per month by automatic direct debit payments from your bank. Contributions are collected on the third Wednesday of each month.

Applications for a monthly plan must be accompanied by a cheque for the initial contribution. The initial contribution can be larger than your monthly direct debit and you can top up your plan by cheque provided that the total amount contributed in a tax year does not exceed £3,000.

Lump sum contributions may be made in future tax years simply by sending us a cheque with your name and PEP holding reference unless you delete the wording "I wish to be able to contribute to my Plan in future tax years" on the application form in which case you will have to submit a new application form. (See note 3).

The whole of each contribution is invested in *Accumulation units of the M&G unit trust you choose at the* applicable offer price. Certificates are not issued to Planholders. Although you are always the beneficial owner of your units, they will be registered in the name of M&G Financial Services Limited, the registered PEP manager and a member of IMRO. Your rights as a planholder are defined by the Terms and Conditions of The M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan set out later.

The net income earned on your investment in the fund is automatically reinvested, increasing the value of your units. Income tax is reclaimed on your behalf by M&G once a year and used to buy further units for you.

UNIT PRICES

The "offer" price (at which units are bought from the unit trust manager) and the "bid" price (at which *units are sold to the unit trust manager) are calculated* every day by M&G Securities Limited under rules laid down by statutory regulations.

The prices of M&G unit trusts are usually worked out *every morning as at 9.15 a.m. Units will normally be* allocated to your plan at the offer price next calculated after the Plan Manager has received your contribution or withdrawal instruction.

CHARGES

There are no extra charges for an M&G PEP. All costs are absorbed within the normal charges of the unit trusts. The Management charges on M&G unit trusts are a maximum of 5 per cent initially and 1 per cent annually. The management charges may only be increased with the consent of unitholders.

The Managers' annual charge is 1% except for Dividend and Extra Yield which is ¾% (which may increase to 1% upon three months notice to unitholders). The annual charge, Trustee's fees currently 0.05% (in the case of Second General 0.05% on the first £20 million and 0.04% thereafter) (plus VAT) and Registrars' fees currently 0.06% (plus VAT) based on the Fund's mid-market value are deducted from gross income pro-rata on the first day of each Stock Exchange Account.

STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Twice each year we will send you a statement of your account made up to 5 April and 5 October. This will show the transactions on your account during each period, and the number of units held and their value at the end of the period.

We shall also send you regular Managers' reports on the unit trust in which you are building up your investment. These give a commentary on the progress of the trust, set out the full portfolio of shares, and give the accounts of the trust.

HOW CAN I WITHDRAW MY MONEY

When you wish to sell your holding, or part of it, you have only to write to M&G Financial Services Limited, Planned Savings Department, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. We will then send you a cheque for the full bid value of the units you are cashing in, normally within a few days. Units are sold normally at the bid price next *calculated by M&G Securities Limited after receipt of your* sale instruction. Only written instructions will be accepted.

An income facility is also available enabling planholders to receive the equivalent of gross income payments from their PEP investments. Please tick the appropriate box in the application form for details.

CHOOSING YOUR UNIT TRUST

Because of the investment regulations governing unit trust PEPs, the choice of M&G funds available for our PEP has been restricted to six funds investing predominantly in UK ordinary shares. These funds offer a choice between high-yielding income funds, lower yielding capital growth funds and funds aiming for a balance between income and growth. All six funds have impressive performance records.

Each fund is managed by M&G Securities Limited, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB, from whom full scheme particulars and the most recent annual and half-yearly reports are available on request. Prices and yields of the funds are published every day in the *Financial Times*. Prices are also quoted in the *Daily Telegraph, Times, Independent and Guardian*.

Investors should remember that past performance does not guarantee future growth.

You should also remember that the price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up, you may not get back the amount you invested.

You should bear in mind that the tax regime of PEPs could change in the future. The value of any tax reliefs depends on the individual circumstances of the investor.

CHANGING YOUR INVESTMENT

When you start your PEP, the whole of your contribution will buy units in the fund you choose in the second and in each subsequent year you can choose a different fund from the list of those eligible, thus building up a portfolio of funds. In due course you will also be able to switch between funds. We will let you know when this service is introduced.

HOW TO START A PLAN

Please read the notes and complete and return the application form together with your cheque and, if appropriate, a direct debit instruction. We will write to acknowledge acceptance of your application enclosing the most recent half-yearly report of the fund you have chosen.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1 DEFINITIONS

(1) **"Business Day"** means a day on which the Managers of an M&G Unit Trust make a price for the purchase and sale of Units.

"Conditions" means these Terms and Conditions together with the application form as from time to time amended in accordance with the provisions hereof.

"Crown Employee" means a person holding an office or employment under the Crown which is not a public nature and the emoluments of which are payable out of the public revenue of the United Kingdom or of Northern Ireland.

"FSA" means the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation Limited.

"M&G Company" means M&G Financial Services Limited and any other company which is a subsidiary or holding company of it or which is a subsidiary of any such holding company for which purpose the expressions "subsidiary" and "holding company" have the same meanings as in section 736 of the Companies Act 1985.

"Manager" means any person designated by the Plan Manager under Condition 11 and who may be an Associate of the Plan Manager.

"M&G Trust" means either a Unit Trust in respect of which at least 9 out of 10 of the investments that the purposes of the Trust's Constitution, subject to the limits thereof are investments which can be counted towards satisfaction of any statutory test for determining whether units in the Unit Trust will be qualifying investments for the purpose of the Treasury Regulations.

"Plan" means a Personal Equity Plan effected with the Plan Manager by a qualifying individual which is governed by these Conditions.

"Planholder" means an individual who has entered a Plan under these Conditions.

"Plan Manager" means M&G Financial Services Limited.

"Qualifying Individual" means an individual aged 18 years or over, who has not (subject to the exception prescribed by the Treasury Regulations as regards rights issues) subscribed to any other Personal Equity Plan for the Year or any of the Years for or in respect of which he applies for application to open or to subscribe to a Plan under these Conditions, and who is either resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or, although not resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, duties as a Crown Employee which are performed in the service of the United Kingdom.

"Treasury Regulations" means the regulations for Personal Equity Plans made on 14th March 1989 and any other regulations made from time to time by H.M. Treasury under the provisions of s. 333 and Schedule 29 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and s. 149 D of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979.

"Unit" means Units in a Unit Trust held in a Plan and any fractions or amounts thereof (to the nearest one hundredth of a Unit above).

"Unit Trust" means a unit trust scheme which is an authorised unit trust scheme as defined in the Treasury Regulations and in the case of which an order is in force under section 78 of the Financial Services Act 1986 for Managers of which is an M&G Company.

"Year" means a year beginning on 6th April in any year and ending with 5th April in the following year.

(2) References to any statutory provision include regulations made thereunder and any modification or re-enactment thereof or of the Regulations.

(3) Any reference to gender shall be taken to refer to either gender.

(4) Headings are included for the purpose of guidance and are not part of the Conditions.

(5) The application form shall be treated as part of these Conditions and in the case of conflict shall have precedence.

2 INTRODUCTION

(1) The Plan Manager is a member of IMRO and as such is regulated by IMRO and has conducted all investment Business.

(2) The Plan Manager agrees to act as such in relation to all Plans entered into upon these terms.

(3) The Plan Manager may from time to time nominate one or more Unit Trusts for the purposes of Plans effected under these Conditions.

(4) Subject to these Conditions, the investment objectives of the Planholder shall be taken to be to invest in the M&G Unit Trust indicated by the Planholder on his application form.

3 APPLICATIONS TO OPEN A PLAN

(1) The Conditions applies to applications to open a Plan made under the Treasury Regulations. In order to open a Plan an individual must be a Qualifying Individual and must submit to the Plan Manager a duly completed application form and must sign the declaration set out in the form. The Applicant must also submit

(a) a cheque for the initial contribution together with a duly completed direct debit instruction

or

(b) a cheque for an amount not in excess of the maximum permitted by law for that particular Year.

(2) No Plan comes into force when the Planholder's application for the Plan has been accepted by the Plan Manager.

(3) For this purpose the application will be treated as having been accepted on receipt by the Plan Manager of a duly completed application form together with a cheque in respect of the cash subscription if they are received first post of

(a) on the day following receipt by the Plan Manager of a duly completed form together with a cheque in respect of the cash subscription if they are received second post.

(4) Unless the Applicant otherwise has expenditure terms, the form will be taken to authorise contributions to be made to the Plan for each Year beginning in the Year in which the application is made unless and until either the Planholder or the Plan Manager notifies the other in writing to the contrary. The Plan will be governed by these Conditions, as varied in accordance with Condition 16 below.

4 EXISTING PLANS

(1) This Condition applies to any Plan opened or deemed from any Plan or Plans opened on or before 31st May 1989.

(2) These Terms and Conditions apply to any such Plan as if the Planholder had duly applied and had authorised the Plan Manager to open a new Plan automatically each Year.

5 CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Except as permitted by law a Planholder may contribute to only one Personal Equity Plan each Year.

(2) Not all or more than the maximum permitted by law for a particular Year can be contributed to a Plan during that Year.

(3) Each contribution must be of an amount of the Planholder's cash paid directly by the Plan Manager.

(4) If at any time a Planholder ceases to be a Qualifying Individual he shall not thereafter make any contributions to a Plan.

6 CHOICE OF UNIT TRUST

(1) Subject to this Condition the Planholder's contributions will be applied by the Plan Manager in the purchase of Units of the Unit Trust which the Planholder has selected in his application form.

(2) With effect from a date to be determined by the Plan Manager and notified to the Planholders, the Planholder may by written notice to the Plan Manager (of a length to be determined by the Plan Manager in its notice) direct that future contributions to the Plan shall be applied by the Plan Manager in the purchase of Units other than the Units specified in the application form.

(3) From a date to be determined by the Plan Manager and notified to Planholders, the Planholder may by written notice to the Plan Manager (of a length to be determined by the Plan Manager in its notice) direct that Units in the Plan should be sold and the proceeds of sale applied in the purchase of other Units.

(4) This Condition does not apply to the application of any contribution at the time the purchase is to be made, the Unit Trust is not a PEP Unit Trust in those circumstances Units in the M&G Dividend Fund or the M&G Midland & General Fund will be purchased as described in Condition 7 below.

7 INVESTMENT

(1) The following, namely

(a) contributions received from Planholders,

(b) tax repayments received in respect of the Units;

(c) the proceeds of sale of any Units,

(d) any income and distributions from Units, and cash deposits held in the Plan,

(e) any sums received on the termination (otherwise than by way of reconstruction or amalgamation) of a Unit Trust

will be credited to a sterling client account maintained by the Plan Manager with any authorised institution within the meaning of the Banking Act 1987 and will be applied by the Plan Manager

(a) within ten days of being received, and

(b) at all times in accordance with the Treasury Regulations but (and not unless Condition 7 (2) and (3) prevent the purchase of Units or further Units in a PEP Unit Trust

in the purchase of Units or further Units in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) The Plan Manager will apply all such amounts in the purchase of Units selected by the Planholder *in accordance with Condition 6 above, so long* as the Unit Trust in which the investment is to be made continues to be a PEP Unit Trust. If at any time the Unit Trust ceases to be a PEP Unit Trust, the Plan Manager will apply all such amounts in the purchase of Accumulation Units in the M&G Dividend Fund provided that it is a PEP Unit Trust at the time when the purchase is to be made, but if it is not then a PEP Unit Trust, in the purchase of Accumulation Units in the M&G Midland & General Fund provided that it is then a PEP Unit Trust.

(3) If at any time a Plan includes Units in a Unit Trust which is not a PEP Unit Trust, then unless the Units were held in the Plan at the close of business on 5th April 1990, the Units will be sold and the proceeds dealt with in accordance with 7(1) and (2) above.

(4) All purchases and sales of Units will be made by the Plan Manager at the applicable offer price or bid price of the particular Unit Trust.

8 VOID PLANS

These Conditions shall continue to be enforceable between the Plan Manager *and the Planholder unless and until the Inland Revenue treat the Plan as void* under the Treasury Regulations in which case the Plan will terminate automatically.

9 TAX REPAYMENTS

The Plan Manager will make all necessary claims for repayment of tax relating *to the Units in accordance with the Treasury Regulations.*

10 BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

(1) The Planholder will at all times be the beneficial owner of the Units and of any rights and cash sums, from time to time held in the Plan.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of (1) above, the Planholder will not dispose of or transfer any interest in such Units or any such cash sums, and will not create (or have outstanding) any charge or security on or over any such Units or any such cash sums.

11 REGISTRATION OF UNITS

(1) Units will be registered in the name of the Plan Manager or of the Plan Manager or its nominee, in the name of a Nominee.

(2) Subject to the Treasury Regulations, the Planholder hereby authorises the Plan Manager to issue all such directions and instructions to any Nominee as the Plan Manager considers appropriate for the discharge of the Plan Manager's responsibilities under these Conditions and accepts that the Plan Manager will not be responsible for the defaults of the Nominee.

(3) All documents of or evidencing title in respect of the Units and any cash will be held by or to the order of the Plan Manager.

(4) Units may not be lent to any third party and no borrowing may be made against the security of Units.

12 PLANHOLDER'S RIGHTS

The Plan Manager will arrange for the Planholder to be sent the annual accounts of the Unit Trust on which the Unit Trust Units in which are held in the Plan together with the reports issued by the Managers of each Unit Trust.

13 VOTING RIGHTS ATTACHING TO UNITS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(1) The Planholder may by an appropriate indication in the space provided on the application form elect

(a) to attend meetings of Unitholders of the Unit Trust, Units in which are held in the Plan and

(b) to exercise voting rights attaching to such Units and

(c) to receive any information issued to Unitholders in addition to the documents referred to in Condition 12 above

until the election is withdrawn by written notice given by the Planholder to the Plan Manager.

(2) Notwithstanding (1) above, the Planholder may on giving one month's prior written notice to the Plan Manager elect to exercise the rights and receive the additional information referred to therein until the election is withdrawn by written notice given by the Planholder to the Plan Manager.

14 STATEMENTS

(1) The Period of Account for the purposes of the Conditions will be the six months ending on 5th October and 5th April in every Year, and for each such period in which he is required to do so by the rules of IMRO the Plan Manager will send to the Planholder a Plan Statement prepared by reference to the last day in that period. The first Period of Account shall commence when the first contribution is made and will end on the commencement of the next complete Period of Account.

(2) *The Plan Statement will include all the information which the Plan* Manager is required to give by the Treasury Regulations and the rules of IMRO.

(3) In relation to the purchase or disposal of Units the Plan Statement will include all the information which the Plan Manager would have had to include in contract notes under the IMRO Rules had contract notes been sent to the Planholder under the IMRO Rules.

(4) The Plan Manager will, if the Planholder requests it to do so give sight of, and supply to the Planholder copies of, all entries in its books relating to the Plan.

15 INFORMATION FOR PLAN MANAGER

(1) The Planholder will supply the Plan Manager with all information which the Plan Manager reasonably requests for the purposes of the Plan, and in particular will promptly inform the Plan Manager of any change in his home address.

(2) The Planholder will immediately inform the Plan Manager in writing if he ceases to be resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or, if, whilst not resident, he ceases to perform duties as a Crown Employee.

16 VARIATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The Plan Manager may at any time and from time to time by written notice to the Planholder make such changes in and to these Conditions as it shall determine provided that no such change shall be made which results in the Plan ceasing to qualify under the Treasury Regulations, and any such changes will be notified to Planholders in such manner as the Plan Manager considers appropriate.

17 GOVERNING LAW

These Conditions and the relationship between the Plan Manager and the Planholder shall be governed by English law.

18 INDEMNITY

The Planholder hereby agrees for himself and his personal representatives to indemnify the Plan Manager and the Nominee and all persons to keep the Plan Manager and the Nominee indemnified in respect of all liabilities taxes costs charges and expenses incurred by the Plan Manager and the Nominee (except where caused by their own negligence) in connection with the establishment administration and termination of the Plan and any investment or deposit made thereunder.

19 TERMINATION, WITHDRAWALS AND OTHER MATTERS

(1) Subject to this Condition, the Plan Manager may at any time and at its discretion make a written request to the Planholder to select Units in another Unit Trust for the purposes of the Plan and for the purposes of Condition 6 above the Planholder shall be assumed to have selected such Units in his application form. If within seven days of having made such a request no such longer period as the request shall specify, and if the request shall prepare the transfer under this Condition, the Plan Manager has not received a written selection of other Units from the Planholder, the Plan will be made automatically.

(2) A Plan may be terminated with immediate effect by the Plan Manager giving written notice of termination to the Planholder if it becomes impossible to comply with the Treasury Regulations, and the Plan will terminate automatically in accordance with Condition 8 above.

(3) A Planholder may at any time by written request to the Plan Manager and without prejudice to (2) above direct the Plan Manager

(a) to pay or transfer to him all or any of the Units comprised in the Plan (or the proceeds of sale thereof) and the whole or part of any cash balance and any other rights held in the Plan

or

(b) where such time as shall be agreed between the Planholder and the Plan Manager to transfer the Plan to another plan manager who fulfils the conditions in the Treasury Regulations, is approved by the Board of Inland Revenue to act as a plan manager, and agrees to accept the transfer.

(4) Subject to (3) above, termination shall take place immediately but without prejudice to any rights held in the Plan and to the completion of transactions already initiated.

(5) The Plan Manager will give reasonable written notice to the Planholder of its intention to cease to act as a Plan Manager stating when he will cease to act so that the Planholder can give a direction under (3) above if after the Plan Manager gives the Planholder notice under this Condition the *Planholder fails to give the Plan Manager a direction under Condition* 19(3) above before the Plan Manager ceases to act as such the Plan will also be terminated.

(6) Where the Plan terminates pursuant to (2) above or any such direction is given as is mentioned in (3)(b) above and, unless the Planholder specifies otherwise and within such time as the Plan Manager specifies, the Plan Manager will sell or realise the Units for in a case to which (3)(a) of this Condition applies the Units in respect of which the direction has been given) and will pay or transfer the proceeds of sale and any cash balance and any other rights, as appropriate to the Planholder.

(7) Where the Plan terminates pursuant to a direction given under 3(b) of this Condition, the Plan Manager will transfer the Units held in the Plan and will pay or transfer any cash balance and all other rights directly to the new plan manager.

(8) Notwithstanding (2) and (3) above the Plan Manager may deduct from the amount of any such payment or transfer

(a) any sums due to the Plan Manager pursuant to these Conditions, and

(b) except where the Plan is being transferred to another plan manager a sum determined by the Plan Manager to represent the tax liabilities of the Planholder or those of his personal representatives, in connection with the Plan for which the Plan Manager is or may be accountable under the Treasury Regulations.

(9) Notwithstanding that a Plan has been terminated in whole or in part or that a direction has been given to transfer the Plan to another plan manager these Conditions shall apply, until all outstanding transactions and liabilities have been performed and discharged.

20 DEATH

(1) *The Plan shall terminate automatically on the Planholder's death.*

(2) Notwithstanding (1) above and subject to (3) below, the authority of the Plan Manager and the Nominee (if any) will not be affected by the death of the Planholder and accordingly these Conditions shall be binding on the Planholder's personal representatives.

(3) Subject to such formalities as the Plan Manager may specify, it shall pay or transfer the Units and any cash balance to or to the order of the Planholder's personal representatives.

(4) Conditions 19(6) and (8) shall apply to any payment made under (3) above.

21 FEES

(1) *The Manager being an associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes* of the IMRO Rules) of Unit Trusts in which the Plan invests cash deposits, will receive the Initial Charge included in the offer price of Units acquired by the Plan and the annual management fee attributable to the Units.

(2) The Manager of the Unit Trust referred to in (1) above will at the appropriate times pay the Plan Manager sums equivalent to the Initial Charge and the annual management fee attributable to the Units.

(3) The Plan Manager will out of such sums make any payments to M&G Investment Management Limited (where it is an associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes of the IMRO Rules) in respect of investment management relating to Units held in the Plan which would otherwise have been paid to the Manager of the Unit Trusts.

(4) Subject as provided in (1) and (2) above, the Plan Manager will not make or receive any charges in connection with the opening, administration or termination of the Plan.

22 TREASURY REGULATIONS

The Plan Manager will notify the Planholder if by reason of any failure to satisfy the provisions of the Treasury Regulations the Plan has or will become void.

23 NOTICES OR REQUESTS

Notices, or requests made by the Planholder to the Plan Manager shall be in writing and will be acknowledged in writing.

24 COMPLAINTS

The Plan Manager operates a written complaints procedure in accordance with the IMRO rules. The Planholder may address a complaint to the Plan Manager or to IMRO.

25 COMPENSATION

In the event that the Plan Manager is not able to meet its financial liabilities to the Planholder the Planholder will be entitled to compensation under the Investors' Compensation Scheme established under the Financial Services Act 1986.

NOTES TO HELP YOU IN COMPLETING THE M&G UNIT TRUST PEP APPLICATION FORM

Note 1 Please give your daytime telephone number so that if a query arises in relation to your form we can attempt to contact you at once and speed up the processing of your application. No salesman will call. Where this businesss has been introduced via an intermediary, M&G will contact this intermediary.

Note 2 National Insurance Number [NINO]. If you are a married woman you should supply your own NINO and if you know them, your own tax district and reference number. You should NOT supply those of your husband. An applicant who cannot supply a NINO may obtain one from the DSS using either form CF8 if a NINO is required for the first time or form CF88 if the NINO issued has been lost or cannot be remembered. These forms can only be obtained from DSS offices. A National Pension Number, where applicable, is an acceptable alternative if you are unable to provide a NINO. A National Health Number is NOT acceptable.

Note 3 The application form is designed to allow you to contribute to your M&G PEP tax year after tax year without having to complete a new application form. If you delete the wording "I wish to be able to contribute to my Plan in future tax years" on the application form and subsequently change your mind, then you will have to submit a new application form. Deleting this statement does not mean that your current plan will lose its tax advantages. If you do not delete the wording and are contributing by direct debit, we will continue to collect your contributions until we are instructed otherwise; if you have made your contribution by a lump sum payment, all you need do in future years is send us a cheque with your name and PEP holding reference. You can stop contributing to your M&G PEP at any time.

Note 4 You can contribute from £60 to £250 per month by automatic direct debit payments from your bank. Direct debit instructions are passed to the Bankers' Automated Clearing System ("BACS") five working days prior to the third Wednesday of the month. They are processed only when we have received an acknowledgement from your bank 'building society. [Acknowledgement of instructions normally takes at least five working days and experience shows more time should be allowed where the client has an account with a building society.] Contributions are collected on the third Wednesday of each month. Any changes to direct debit instructions should be notified to M&G in writing. *The initial* contribution can be larger than your monthly direct debit and you can top up your plan by cheque provided that the total amount contributed in a tax year does not exceed £3,000.

Note 5 Your M&G PEP is invested in Accumulation units. Certificates are not issued to Planholders. Details of your investment will be shown in the acknowledgement which will be sent to you once your application has been accepted. It is therefore important that you retain the acknowledgement for your records. Please also retain the Terms and Conditions alongside.

Note 6 Applications and cheques received by first post at M&G House, Chelmsford will be processed on the day of receipt. Applications and cheques received by second post will be processed on the following working day. **Applications for a monthly plan must be accompanied by a cheque for the initial contribution.**

APPLICATION FORM

To: M&G Financial Services Limited, Planned Savings Department, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB.
Reg. Office: Registered in England No. 923891

REGISTRATION DETAILS — BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other

Full Forenames

Surname

Permanent Address

Postcode

Daytime Telephone No (See Note 1)

IMPORTANT: Your application cannot be accepted without your National Insurance Number OR National Pension Number (See Note 2).

National Insurance No

OR

National Pension No

Tax District (if known)

Reference No (if known)

I wish to open an M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan for the tax year ending 5 April 1991

I wish to be able to contribute to my Plan in future tax years. (delete if inappropriate – see Note 3)

Fund selected (Circle one only of the following six funds)

DIVIDEND | EXTRA YIELD | RECOVERY | SMALLER COMPANIES | MIDLAND & GENERAL | SECOND GENERAL

No application can be accepted unless a fund is selected.

I understand that the maximum contribution is £3,000 in any tax year (6 April to 5 April). I wish to contribute by the method indicated below

LUMP SUM Contribution by cheque
minimum £1,200 maximum £3,000 £ .

OR

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS – (You must complete both boxes below)

Initial contribution by cheque minimum £60 £ .

and

monthly contributions by Direct Debit instruction
minimum £60, maximum £250 (See Note 4) £ .

ARE YOU AN EXISTING M&G PEP HOLDER? YES ☐ NO ☐

IF YES PLEASE GIVE YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER REF NO.

If you wish to attend and vote at Unitholder meetings and to receive additional information issued to Unitholders please tick this box ☐

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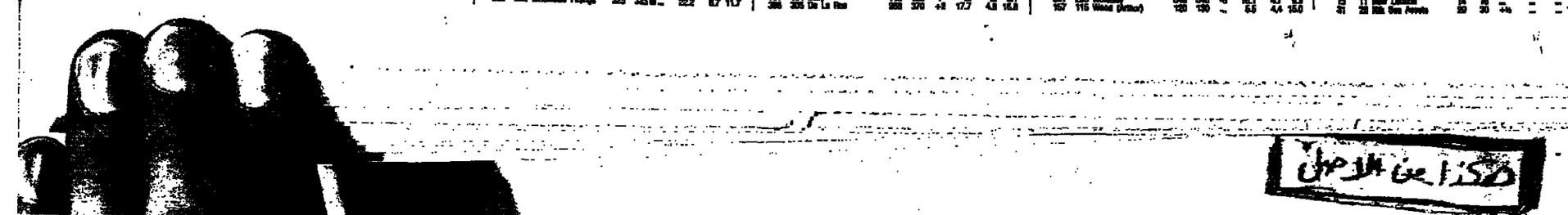
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Technique may triumph over power and experience in the Boat Race

Cambridge may have edge

By MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

EVEN the most assured towpath pundits were desperately *hedging their bets at Putney* yesterday on the outcome of the 137th Boat Race.

Oxford, the winners in 14 of the last 15 races, have, on paper, had the less impressive *build-up against mutual opponents*, but winning tradition and Oxford's weight advantage still persuade many that they will retain the Beefeater Gin Trophy.

Yet even the casual observer can see that Cambridge have the better technique. In some excellent rows with their old blues on Thursday evening, they showed that this technique can hold up under pressure, but Steve Royle, the Oxford chief coach, said: "Cambridge have been latching on to that for three years."

Oxford's advantage is their power and a slight edge in age and experience. *Crucial to this* power is their double Great Britain bronze medal-winner, Matthew Pinsent, for whom the Boat Race is an interlude in an international career. The last few days have perhaps shown Pinsent beginning to warm up and his application of 15st 2lb was awesome in yesterday's stake-boat start.

Whether this power can be applied over four-and-a-quarter miles will depend on the rhythm of the crew, a factor which failed against London University recently in a race described as "the only hiccup in training" by Royle.

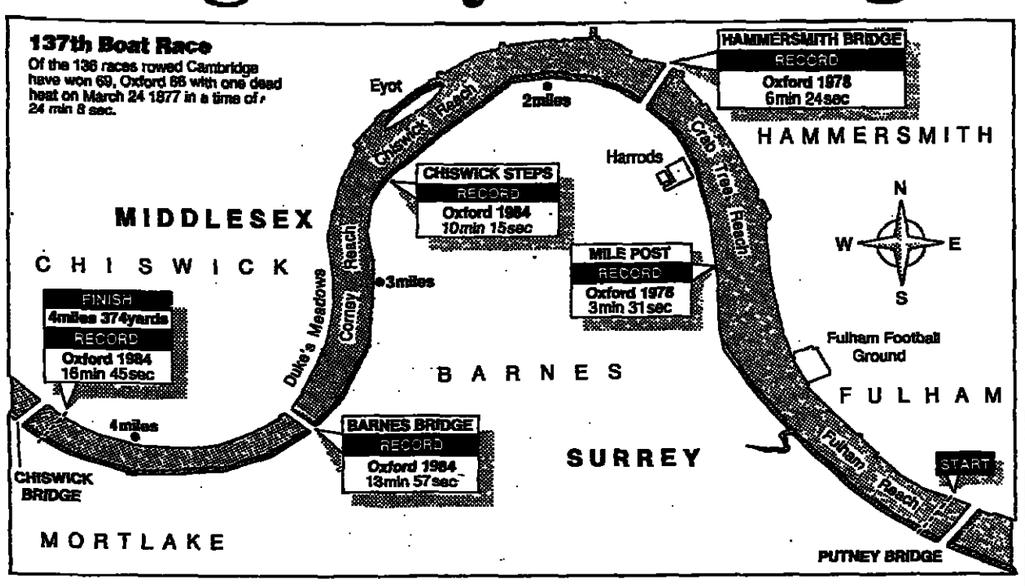
The rhythm issue will depend on the stroke-men, Adam Wright, of Cambridge, and Rupert Obholzer, of Oxford, men of differing pedigree and approach to the sport. Wright, short-haired and bespectacled, experienced limited rowing before going to *Cambridge. He secured his* place in Boat Race folklore by pushing his "no hope" 1990 *Cambridge crew to a memo*rable effort. His rowing ambitions remain domestic. The long-haired Obholzer, in contrast, arrived at Oxford as a British junior gold medal-winner and has subsequently won a Boat Race and a senior bronze medal. His sights are set on the Barcelona Olympics.

Coaches sometimes worry about their "fledglings" in Boat Races but the two youngsters in the 1991 contest are assured and experienced. Peter Bridge, of Oxford, and Nick Clarry, of Cambridge, were both in the gold medal-winning British coxless four last summer, though they were not close friends.

Clarry admits that "quite major arguments" developed in the four.

Both chief coaches are confident. Royle considers his crew to be "as good a bunch as we have put together for a long time". Mark Lees, his more ebullient Cambridge counterpart for the past three years, confirmed yesterday that this will be his "last year as a full-time, professional coach in Britain". He added he had experienced a "hard job at Cambridge with the politics involved", but thought he had improved the light blue standard. He would clearly like to finish on a win and the overall indications are that he will do so.

Goldie are clear favourites for the curtain-raiser reserve race against Isis. Isis have introduced two Oxford lightweights, Alex Ferguson and Dominic Neary, only this week and the crew have been livelier. Goldie, however, show much more power.



WHO'S WHO IN THE CREWS TODAY

CAMBRIDGE

BOW: Richard R G SMITH. Shrewsbury and Trinity Hall. **Age:** 21. **Height:** 6ft 2in. **Weight:** 12st 10lb. Second year studying Economics. *Great Britain junior 1987; Goldie 1990.*

2. Richard J STAITE. President CUBC. Prince Henry's and St *Catharine's.* **Age:** 21. **Height:** 5ft 11in. **Weight:** 11st 4lb. Third year studying land economy. Great Britain junior 1986, Under-23 1988-9; *World Student Games* 1989; Great Britain lightweight 1990; Goldie 1989; Cambridge 1990.

3. Maximilian C J JUSTICZ. Westminsters, *Atlanta, Boston University* and Sidney Sussex. **Age:** 24. **Height:** 6ft 1in. **Weight:** 13st 8lb. First year post-graduate studying law. British. *Former captain of* Boston University. Twice winner of Head of the Charles. Plays guitar.

4. Guy R POOLEY. Berkhamsted, *Imperial College and St John's.* **Age:** 25. **Height:** 6ft 8in. **Weight:** 13st 3lb. Post-graduate studying organic chemistry. Great Britain Under-23 1986-7; *World Student* Games 1987-9; Henley winner (Visitors) 1985 and 1987; Cambridge 1988-90.

5. Kelron St C ALLEN. King's, Canterbury and Magdalene. **Age:** 21. **Height:** 6ft 2in. **Weight:** 13st 2lb. First year studying history. Great Britain junior 1987-8; Great Britain Under-23 1989 (bronze). Likes jazz, piano and clarinet.

6. David R GILLARD. Bedford Modern and St Catharine's. **Age:** 19. **Height:** 6ft 2in. **Weight:** 14st 6lb. First year studying natural sciences. Great Britain junior 1989 (bronze); Great Britain Under-23 1990 *(bronze).*

7. Nicholas J CLARRY. John Hampden GS and Jesus. **Age:** 19. **Height:** 6ft 1in. **Weight:** 12st 11lb. First year *studying economics. Great Britain* junior 1989 and 1990 (gold). Likes campanology.

Stroke. Adam J WRIGHT. Norwich *and Corpus Christi.* **Age:** 22. **Height:** 6ft 3in. **Weight:** 13st 6lb. Third year studying engineering. Cambridge 1990. Rugby player and *sailor.*

Cox. Andrew J L BRACEY. Winchester, University of East Anglia and Magdalene. **Age:** 24. **Height:** 5ft 5in. **Weight:** 7st 12lb. Post-graduate studying architecture. Goldie 1990. Sailor and wine buff.

OXFORD

Bow: Richard C YOUNG. Bedford, Downing, Cambridge and St John's. **Age:** 23. **Height:** 6ft 2in. **Weight:** 12st 12lb. Fourth year medic. Goldie 1989; Cambridge 1990.

2. Joseph G MICHELS. St John's, La Salle University and University College. **Age:** 26. **Height:** 6ft 3in. **Weight:** 13st 1lb. *Post-graduate* studying physics. Vespa Club *oarsman.*

3. Peter A J BRIDGE. Eton and *Oriel.* **Age:** 18. **Height:** *6ft 4in.* **Weight:** 14st 1lb. Freshman studying languages. Great Britain junior gold-medal winner 1990; triple *schools winner 1990* (Schools Head, National Schools, Henley).

4. Hamish P M HUME. St Albans, Washington DC, Yale and Pembroke. **Age:** 23. **Height:** 6ft 2in. **Weight:** 13st 7lb. Post-graduate studying law. Former captain of Yale. Two years in Yale University boat. Born in Oxford; moved to United States at 12 months of age; British citizen. American football and basketball player.

5. Calman A MACLENNAN. Camp Hill GS, Birmingham, Keble and Green College. **Age:** 22. **Height:** 6ft 6in. **Weight:** 14st 2lb. Fifth year medic. Oxford 1988; Isis 1990; *Great Britain Under-23 1990. Did* not row before coming to Oxford.

6. Matthew PINSENT. Eton and St Catharine's. **Age:** 20. **Height:** 6ft 4in. **Weight:** 15st 2lb. Second year studying geography. Great Britain junior 1987, 1988 (gold); Great *Britain senior 1989 (bronze),* 1990 (bronze); Oxford 1990.

7. Robert V MARTIN. Durham Johnston Comprehensive and *University College.* **Age:** 23. **Height:** 6ft 2in. **Weight:** 13st 9lb. Post-graduate studying physics. Isis 1990.

Stroke: Rupert J OBHOLZER. President OUBC. Hampton and St Catharine's. **Age:** 21. **Height:** 6ft 3in. **Weight:** 13st 10lb. Third year studying botany. Great Britain junior 1987 (gold), 1988; Great Britain senior 1989 (bronze), 1990; Oxford 1990.

Cox: Neil CHUGANI. Hampton and St Catharine's. **Age:** 22. **Height:** 5ft 7in. **Weight:** 7st 13lb. Post-graduate studying politics/sociology. Isis 1990 (disqualified).

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF CREWS: Cambridge: 13st 1lb. **Oxford:** 13st 10½lb.

Sporting tradition that springs eternal

LAURA THOMPSON

We are reaching that time again, the high time of the sporting *year, when sunlight begins* to play upon the cameraman's lens and when clocks go forward; when Desmond Lynam puts on his spring tie and steps up his levels of matiness; when Bernard Manning appears on a pre-FA Cup final celebrity *Question of Sport;* and when Oxford and Cambridge manage yet again to reach the final of the Boat Race. Extraordinary how they do *it every time.*

Before I went up to Oxford, the Boat Race held for me a great mystique. There it was again, the hardy annual, the herald of spring: eccentric, pointless, somehow significant, symbolizing something unattainable, something unquestioning, something wrapped in age-old veils of Englishness.

I never thought of it as sport, only as a great traditional sporting occasion. This is what I thought of as a typical Boat Race crew: bow, Hon. Rupert Oarsmen-Ancestry (Eton and Oriel); two, Rupert Bubbly-Bollinger (Eton and Oriel); three, Lord Rupert of Putney (Eton and Oriel); four, Boris Rankov (aged 46); five, Sir Rupert Barnes-Bridge (Eton and Oriel); six, Rupert Very-Big-Thick (Eton and Oriel); seven, Scott Herb (University of California, now taking a Special Diploma in Social Studies); stroke, Hon. Rupert Harrods-Depository (Eton and Oriel); cox, Rupert Small (Eton and Oriel).

With the exception of four and seven, the young men came from very similar backgrounds. These com*prised fathers who owned a* percentage of Wiltshire and girlfriends with names like Georgina Jeroboam-Swizzlestick. The young men had been fondly inducted into the university by old dons whose voices were so posh as to be incomprehensible, with vowels as mangled and consonants as swallowed as an East End barrow-boy's.

The dons gave to their boys a cow per day to eat, an essay per term to write, unlimited porter to drink and the right to be sick anywhere within the precinct of their college. Then they left them to get on with the essential gentlemanly business of ensuring that Oriel finished Head of the River at the end of Eights week in the summer, and that Oxford won the Boat Race.

How they did it was not of much interest, so long as honour was maintained, and if the price of victory was having two foreigners in the boat, then that was just about acceptable, since they were nice fellows who had a proper, touristy respect for Oxbridge tradition.

*The extraordinary, super*human efforts of training and endurance, the six hours taken out of every day, the physical reality of what it must be like to row four-and-a-quarter miles at speed — none of this ever entered my head.

It used to be said that participating in a Boat Race could knock five years off one's life, which would make Boris Rankov about 93 in real terms. A television commentator might offer a hard-centred, nut-clustery bit of information like that to his viewers, but he will still essentially be in strawberry fondant, royal wedding, great occasion mode.

That is why I never thought of the Boat Race as sport. I just *imagined the boys tripping* down to the water at first light, dressed in blazers slung across with old cashmere pullovers, shorts, no socks and proper shoes; then pulling, pulling together, with their bodies between their knees.

Boat Race rowers were then, to me, beings from another world, transplanted from their cities of acquaint to the shores of the Thames, *there to become the tem*porary property of *hoi polloi*, of people who sup*port a certain crew* because they think light blue is a nicer colour than dark, of cameramen who do not wear proper shoes, of Harry Carpenter. They were on public show, living representatives of the great Oxbridge myth.

Actually being at Oxford brought me no closer to the rowing fraternity. There were practical reasons for this: nobody from my college rowed for the university (indeed anyone of 6ft was regarded as a giant); I never went to the Boat Race. This was, from fear of being hemmed in at Hammersmith while everyone else was having a big party at Mortlake.

So, until this week, I had never met a Boat Race rower *— a hole in my life which* was filled to sudden brimming point at the little party thrown to celebrate the public weighing of each crew member. Individually, they were just nice, sporty young men. Collectively, they disseminated an unconscious mystique, thus embodying *the dual nature of the Boat* Race, that it is simultaneously a rowing competition and a powerful tradition.

The Boat Race myth is of course a by-product of the Oxbridge myth, which was what had surely fed my (semi-serious) images of aristocratic crews and so forth.

What is extraordinary is *that the realities of Oxbridge* do not at all dispel the myths. The two seem to co*exist, just as the sporting* realities of the Boat Race coexist with its traditional image. After leaving Oxford, the race, and the place, still hold for me a great mystique, because however close one gets to them, one cannot unwrap the age-old veils. Not even if one is the president of the Oxford University Boat Club, whose name this year just happens to be Rupert.

EQUESTRIANISM

Leng faces strong opposition

By JENNY MACARTHUR

VIRGINIA Leng, the European and former world three-day event champion, continues her *preparation* for Badminton by riding three advanced horses at the Kings Somborne horse trials in Hampshire tomorrow.

The event, supported by Pedigree Petfoods, has attracted many of the sport's top names, including three members of New Zealand's gold medal-winning team at the world championships last July: Mark Todd, the dual Olympic champion, with his Burghley winner, Face The Music; Blyth Tait, the world champion, with his second-string horse, Ricochet; and Andrew Nicholson, on his championship horse, Spinning Rhombus, and his Blenheim runner-up, Applause.

Leng's three rides are her two Badminton entries — Master Craftsman and Griffin — and the less experienced Welton Chit Chat, who is being aimed at Bramham in June. Master Craftsman, who *injured himself* at Kings Somborne last year and missed the rest of the season, will probably compete only in the dressage and show jumping sections. He has little to prove across country. At Dynes Hall Horse Trials six days ago, Leng said he felt "better than ever" after his first cross country performance for 11 months.

She is hoping for a similarly encouraging verdict on Griffin after this weekend. This will be the 11-year-old gelding's first *competition since his fall in the* cross country in Stockholm. He has spent the winter hunting and, providing there are no training mishaps, Leng *intends* to run him again at Badminton. Last year, at their first attempt, they finished tenth.

Other British riders competing tomorrow include the national champion, Mary Thomson, with King Boris, Karen Straker and Rodney Powell, team silver medal-winners in Stockholm, with their top horses, Get Smart and The Irishman, and Nicola Coe, the winner of Badminton last year, with Master Kellsborough.

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Wary Sinstadt guarding against any emergency

By KEN LAWRENCE

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN VIEW

IT WAS the sort of nightmare that introduces television producers to premature baldness or even insanity. What should have been the first live showing of the Boat Race became instead the first live screening of two model boats being moved down a chalk-drawn river on a blackboard chart at Alexandra Palace.

The boats were moved in accordance with instructions relayed by pieces of card placed in front of a static camera: *"Oxford up by a canvas"* or "Oxford one length ahead". Not until the *actual boats neared the finish* at Putney could the cameras there pick up the last rites of a race that was intended to make broadcasting history.

That was in 1938, when a workman cut through the cable and with it all the links from the Thames towpath, except the cameras at the finish. With so many workman still digging holes all over London, could such a nightmare ever be repeated? The BBC thinks not — it even has cameras in helicopters these days — but a new commentator, Gerald Sinstadt, is taking no chances. He has "a few little innovations up my sleeve, just in case anything goes wrong, or one boat is many lengths clear at Hammersmith Bridge".

Sinstadt, replacing the now-retired Harry Carpenter, hopes that he does not have to use them this year or any other year, being "very conscious indeed of taking over from a great professional". He is also a traditionalist, believing "you tamper with the Boat Race cover at your peril". He is not a rowing man: "A grammar school boy, I left at 16 and never rowed", he says — but he *will have alongside* him one who did so with considerable distinction.

Chris Baillieu, who rowed for Cambridge when they used to win, will again provide the expert analysis. "There will be no fighting over the mike," Sinstadt says. "I shall be resting firmly on his shoulders."

*Better known as a foot*ball commentator with Anglia, Granada and the BBC, Sinstadt is in fact a vastly experienced broadcaster on television and radio. He was once deputy to Angus Mackay, who made radio's *Sports Report* such compulsive Saturday-*evening listening*, has been the towpath interviewer at recent races and has covered the rowing at three Olympics and three world championships.

"I am looking forward to it immensely," he says. "There is such a wonderful ambivalence about the Boat Race. On the one hand, you have these almost overgrown schoolboys; on the other, you have these cliques and *cabals and secret meet*ings, and then that mutiny.

"Yet when you go down and watch them train, when you see what these 16 oarsmen are asked to do, you cannot knock them in any way. They all know that nothing they ever do in the future will be like it. There is the awful fear of not knowing if you are going to survive the race, whether you may be the guy that lets the *others down.*"

Which is why the BBC will today have 20 cameras and a helicopter to portray two boats racing for about 17 minutes between Putney and Mortlake in what is, almost certainly, the most expensive one-off exercise in its whole year of sport and why millions of people who have no affinity to either city, let alone either university, will be switching on to *Grandstand* (BBC1, 12.15pm) to watch Cambridge striving to end the recent supremacy of Oxford.

Happy to be among them will be John Snagge, whose voice was synonymous with the Boat Race. He reported himself as "very well indeed, considering", at his Berkshire home after reading of his premature bereavement in a newspaper earlier this week. Old habits die hard, it would seem. He will be watching the race — "with a glass in my hand" — and listening to the radio as well to see how the pain and the pride, the remorse and the rejoicing, are divided this lunchtime.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: After the Boat Race, Widnes meet St Helens in a rugby league Silk Cut Challenge Cup *semi-final (Grandstand,* BBC1 2.55pm). There is racing on both *Grandstand* (Haydock) and Channel 4 (Kempton Park, 3.30-5.05pm). *On Eurosport* and the Sports Channel, *Ringside* (8pm) brings the IBF super-bantamweight boxing title contest between Welcome Ncita, of South Africa, and José Rojas, of Colombia. The third day of The Tournament Players' Championship golf at *Sawgrass is live* on Screensport (8-11pm), while Eurosport shows the Volvo Firenze tournament from Italy during *Saturday Alive* (from 11am).

TOMORROW: A rugby treat is promised with the Barbarians' annual game at Cardiff and the Hong Kong sevens (BBC2, 5pm). Eurosport has more action from the Volvo golf, and marks the London Monarchs' debut at Wembley with live coverage of their match against New York-New Jersey Knights (from 7pm). Screensport shows the final day of the golf in Florida (9pm-midnight).

MONDAY: *The Match* (ITV, 4.50pm) brings Liverpool's visit to Southampton. The Irish Grand National from Fairyhouse is on Channel 4, with Kempton Park racing (from 2.30pm). BBC2 presents the world figure-skating gala from Munich (7.10pm) and Eurosport has three hours of tennis from the Estoril Open (2pm).

TUESDAY: More tennis from Estoril (Eurosport, 2pm) and world championship ice hockey on the same channel (9-11pm).

WEDNESDAY: Nigel Benn meets Robbie Sims at the York Hall (Screensport from 10pm, ITV from 10.40pm). Highlights of Arsenal's game with Aston Villa are also in ITV's *Midweek Sport Special,* while Gerald Sinstadt goes to the dogs in *Sportsnight* (BBC1, 10pm).

THURSDAY: The Grand National meeting opens at Aintree: BBC2 warms up for the big day with four races and the opening of the stand *by the Queen Mother* (2.20pm).
FRIDAY: Four more races from Aintree, including the Fox*hunter* Chase (BBC2, 2.15pm). Live Test *match cricket from Trinidad be*tween West Indies and Australia is on the Sports Channel (3-8pm) with highlights at midnight or at 12.30am on Eurosport.

A GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Today

FOOTBALL

3.00 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
Aston Villa v Everton
Chelsea v Leeds Utd (all ticket)
Derby County v Arsenal
Liverpool v QPR
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Port Vale v Watford
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Third division
Bolton v Southend
Bradford v Fulham
Brentford v Birmingham
Chester v Rotherham
Exeter v Wigan
Grimsby v Reading
Huddersfld v Shrewsbury
L Orient v Bury
Mansfield v Bournemouth
Preston v Crewe
Swansea v Stoke
Fourth division
Burnley v Chesterfield
Carlisle v Cardiff
Darlington v Aldershot
Halifax v Scarborough
Hereford v Wrexham
Lincoln v Torquay
Maidstone v Doncaster
Northampton v Scunthorpe
Peterborough v Blackpool
Walsall v Gillingham
York v Rochdale
GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Barnet (1.00)
Boston v Kidderminster
Colchester v Yeovil
Fisher Ath v Macclesfield
Merthyr v Cheltenham
Runcorn v Slough
Stafford v Kettering
Sutton Utd v Wycombe
Telford v Northwich
Welling v Gateshead
B and Q Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Motherwell
Dundee Utd v St Johnstone
Dunfermline v Rangers
Hibernian v Aberdeen
St Mirren v Hearts
First division
Airdrie v Falkirk
Brechin v Clyde
Clydebank v Dundee
Forfar v Meadowbank
Kilmarnock v Hamilton
Morton v Raith
Partick v Ayr Utd
Second division
Arbroath v Stenhousemuir
Berwick v E Stirling
Dumbarton v Montrose
East Fife v Stranraer
Queen of South v Cowdenbeath
Queen's Park v Albion R
Stirling A v Alloa
University match
Oxford v Cambridge
(at Craven Cottage, 11.00)

FA VASE: Semi-finals: Guiseley v Trowbridge; Littlehampton v Gresley.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Dagenham; Barking v St Albans; Enfield v Grays; Harrow v Marlow; Hendon v Woking; Kingstonian v Hayes; Leyton-Wingate v Bishop's Stortford; *Redbridge Forest v Basingstoke; Staines* v Bognor; Wokingham v Carshalton. **First division:** Bromley v Lewes; Chalfont St Peter v Uxbridge; Croydon v Tooting and Mitcham; Haybridge Swifts v Boreham Wood; Hitchin v Cheshem; Metropolitan Police v Whyteleafe; Molesey v Southwick; Walton and Hersham v Harlow; Wembley v Dorking; Worthing v Dulwich; Yeading v Aveley. **Second division north:** Barton v Vauxhall Motors; Berkhamsted v Witham; Billericay v Rainham; Clapton v Hemel Hempstead; Hertford v Edgware; Hornchurch v Collier Row; Purfleet v Kingsbury; Royston v Stevenage Borough; Tilbury v Basildon; Tring v Saffron Walden. **Second division south:** Banstead Athletic v Ruislip Manor; Bracknell v Hampton; Cove v Horsham; Eastbourne v Newbury; Epsom and Ewell v Chertsey; Feltham v Abingdon; Flackwell Heath v Camberley; Hungerford v Leatherhead; Maidenhead v Harefield; Malden Vale v Egham; Petersfield v Southall.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: *Bangor City* v Droylsden; *Chorley* v Southport; Frickley v Buxton; Gainsborough v Bishop Auckland; Goole v Horwich; Marine v Fleetwood; Matlock v Morecambe; South Liverpool v Shepshed; *Stalybridge v Hyde;* Witton v Moseley. **First division:** Accrington Stanley v Caernarfon; Alfreton v Emley; Bridlington Town v Eastwood Town; Congleton v Workington; Farsley Celtic v Rhyl; Irlam v Rossendale; Netherfield v Winsford; Newtown v Curzon Ashton; Radcliffe Borough v Harrogate; Whitley Bay v Lancaster; Workington v Warrington.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Burton; Bromsgrove v Halesowen; Cambridge C v Rushden; Dover v Dartford; Farnborough v Waterlooville; Gloucester v Worcester; Hereford v Chelmsford; Poole v Bashley. **VS Rugby** v Moor Green; Wealdstone v Crawley; Weymouth v Dorchester. **Southern division:** Andover v Salisbury; Ashford v Hastings; Baldock v *Dunstable; Buckingham* v Witney; Erith and Belvedere v Corinthian; Fareham v Burnham; Hythe v Yate; Sudbury v Bury. **Midland division:** Barry v Newport AFC; Bedworth v Nuneaton Borough; Bridgnorth v Hednesford; Corby v King's Lynn; Dudley v Stourbridge; Grantham v Spalding; Hinckley v Leicester Utd; RC Warwick v Stroud; Redditch v Alvechurch; Sutton Coldfield v Tamworth; Willenhall v Bilston.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: West Bromwich v Hull (2.00).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Ipswich v *Norwich; Southampton* v Luton; Oxford (2.00).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare v Ards; Bangor v Newry; Ballymena v Distillery; Carrick v Glenavon; Cliftonville v *Glentoran; Linfield v Crusaders; Omagh* v Coleraine; Portadown v Larne.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Braintree v Felixstowe; Chatteris v Newmarket; Clacton v Stowmarket; Harwich and Parkeston v Wroxham; Haverhill v Great Yarmouth; Lowestoft v Histon; March v Gorleston; Watton v Cornard; Wisbech v Tiptree. **First division:** Ashwell v Maccleshall; Bourne v Kidderminster; Colchester v Yeovil; Fisher Ath v Macclesfield; Merthyr v Cheltenham; Runcorn v Slough; Stafford v Kettering; Sutton Utd v Wycombe; Telford v Northwich; Welling v Gateshead.

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Motherwell; Dundee Utd v St Johnstone; Dunfermline v Rangers; Hibernian v Aberdeen; St Mirren v Hearts.
First division
Airdrie v Falkirk; Brechin v Clyde; *Clydebank v Dundee;* Forfar v Meadowbank; Kilmarnock v Hamilton; Morton v Raith; Partick v Ayr Utd.
Second division
Arbroath v Stenhousemuir; Berwick v E Stirling; Dumbarton v Montrose; East Fife v Stranraer; Queen of South v Cowdenbeath; Queen's Park v Albion R; Stirling A v Alloa.

University match
Oxford v Cambridge (at Craven Cottage, 11.00).

RUGBY UNION

Halliday aims for a happy holiday debut

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ONCE upon a time, Easter was the preserve of traditional tours; suddenly, it is the quietest time of the year, various clubs joining the rest of the nation in taking a break while such unlikely fixtures as Bath v Thurrock catch the eye.

However, this weekend has also proved useful for leading clubs affected by bad weather in February. Thus Simon Halliday grasps the chance to make his first Courage Clubs Championship appearance for Harlequins against Bristol at the Stoop Memorial ground.

The former Bath centre has had a longer qualifying wait than expected because of the weather but now rejoins a team lacking only Paul Ackford and Troy Coker, both on holiday.

However, judging by the performance of their replacements against Leicester last week, they will not be missed unduly. Mark Russell and Simon France will lock the scrum, the first named boasting a pedigree which includes the University of Cape Town and Western Province.

Russell's older brother, Stuart, played for London Welsh and won a Welsh cap before a damaged eye forced him out of the first-class game.

Both men are, or were, familiar with all positions in the back five so Harlequins will not lack for mobility against a Bristol side giving Mike Lloyd a league debut on the wing.

Newbridge and Pontypool meet for the third time this season, Pontypool having won both the Heineken League and Schweppes Cup encounters. But the return league match will be the first between the clubs at the Newbridge Welfare ground since 1985, after which fixtures were broken off because of the ill-feeling created by David Bishop's assault on Chris Jarman, then Newbridge's lock.

Should Bridgend beat Swansea they will sustain their pursuit of Neath at the top of the premier division but they are without John Apsee, their captain, and Robert Howley, both injured, while Paul Kawulok is doubtful. Neath, meanwhile, should preserve the gap by beating Abertillery and dooming them to relegation.

If the Army beat the RAF at Twickenham today they will win both the Windsor Life Challenge Cup and, for the fourth successive year, the inter-services championship.

Their team is unchanged from that which beat the Royal Navy a week ago, while the airmen include Rory Underwood, the England wing, and recall Neil Coin to the back row after a ten-year absence during which he has concentrated on bobsleighing.

☐ The eleventh London Irish under-21 festival takes place at Sunbury today and tomorrow, sponsored by Beamish Irish Stout and including 16 teams, among them Harlequins, the holders.

Visitors deepen Penarth malaise

By GERALD DAVIES

Penarth 29
Public School Wdrs..... 65

WITH the visitors winning by eight goals, two tries, a penalty try and a penalty to three goals, two tries and a penalty, this match had little competitive merit. And with so many changes and replacements from the original teams, it was not an entirely meaningful exercise.

In the inaugural year of the Heineken League, Penarth have yet to win a match. So serious is their plight, with a couple of their coaches having gone, deciding that they cannot assist any further, club members have called a meeting to attempt to get the club out of its malaise.

Without too great an effort here, the visitors were able to notch up the points almost at will, even accounting for their mistakes, and during the first half were able to add the points to keep up with the minutes of play.

Penarth had their brief moment of glory when they took a fifth-minute lead after Goult kicked a penalty, but a similar offside infringement at a ruck gave Bray the opportunity to draw level. From then on the match became as one-sided as one of the early scrums, which marched comfortably forward for 20 metres or so, indicated.

With possession as easily obtained elsewhere, Wanderers indulged in the kind of rugby more associated with sevens. Bray, from full back, could run and tease at will, ably supported by Cassidy and Clark.

After a penalty try, when Reed was tackled without the ball as he lunged for the touchdown, and which Bray converted, the full back was able to add the extra points for the tries scored by John, Clark and Bray, but could not convert those scored by Cassidy and Eagle.

The outcome having been settled, the visitors were more lax after the interval. Cassidy got his second try, which was again converted by Bray; Williams and Donnison responded with tries for Penarth, with Goult converting one of these. The other Wanderers tries came from Clark, Hudson, Evans and Eagle, with Bray converting two and McHardy the final one.

Chris Clark, Williams and Goult scored tries for the home side, with a full back adding the extra points for two of these.

SCORERS: Penarth: Tries: A Williams (2), M Donnison, C Clark, P Goult. Conversions: P Goult. Penalty goal: P Goult. Public School Wanderers: Tries: P John, B Clark (2), K Bray, S Cassidy (2), J Eagle (2), M Hudson, J Evans. Conversions: K Bray (6), H McHardy. Penalty goal: K Bray.

PENARTH: P Goult; S Best, C Lakin (captain), W Morgan, B Bush (rep: S Spraggi); A Williams, C Clarke; M Taylor, A Williams, M Dudding, M Donnison, P Williams, T McClean, I McCoy (rep: L Waters), D Talbot.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WANDERERS: K Bray (Harlequins); J Eagle (Harlequins), P Reed (Cambridge University; rep: P Turner, Newbridge), G Lalesi (Rossiyn Park), R Greed (Bedford; rep: J Evans, Rossiyn Park); N Hamlin (Gloucester, captain), H McHardy (Rossiyn Park); M Jones (Oxford University), P John (Pontypridd), P Knight (Pontypridd), G Thomas (Bridgend), N Sorhenna (Gloucester; rep: M Rowley, Pontypridd), J Etheridge (Northampton), S Cassidy (West Hartlepool), B Clark (Saracens; rep: M Hudson, Askeans).

Referee: C Jones (Newport).

Hunter again asked to show his versatility

IAN Hunter, the Northampton full back who made his debut for the Barbarians VII as a hooker in Hong Kong last weekend and whose presence as a replacement proved so beneficial for England B on Wednesday, rejoins the Barbarians in Cardiff today for the first match of their Easter tour. The game is the final act of a successful centenary season (David Hands writes).

Hunter appears on the wing in a back division which, sadly, will be without Hugo Porta. The Argentinian, who has never played for the Barbarians in an international career covering 18 years, has declined to travel after pulling a muscle last weekend.

The Barbarians have had to adjust their back row too: Gary Rees, the Nottingham flanker, took a knock on a knee last weekend while Dean Richards, is unable to leave work in time. So the invitation team will field an uncapped back row of Pool-Jones, Back and Sheasby.

Cardiff have dominated this fixture over the last decade and their recent form suggests they may continue to do so.

BARBARIANS: G Hastings (Watsonians and Scotland); I Hunter (Northampton), S Hastings (Watsonians and Scotland), D Curtis (London Irish and Ireland), T Underwood (Leicester); C Chalmers (Melrose and Scotland), R Saunders (London Irish and Ireland); D Sole (Edinburgh Accademicals and Scotland), A Sheasby (Wasps), P Barnett (London Scottish and Scotland), R Pool-Jones (Cambridge University), S Dear (Rossiyn Park), D Cronin (Bath and Scotland), N Back (Leicester), C Sheasby (Cambridge University).

ICE HOCKEY

Hand supports system

COPENHAGEN — At the halfway point in pool C of the world championships, three teams — Romania, China and the host nation, Denmark — remain unbeaten, while Great Britain lie fifth, having won two matches and lost two (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Yet the British performance should be put into perspective: their two most difficult games were played at the start of the championship series and both were lost by only one goal.

With a less hesitant start and better shooting, China might have been beaten, while the Danes scored their winning goal six seconds from time. The Danes were so impressed that their coach immediately invited Britain to play a couple of games here next December. The next two opponents, Bulgaria and Hungary, have flattered to deceive and the British players are confident of success.

Tony Hand, the team's leading scorer, said: "No other team plays like us, and the dump-and-chase method is a good system against teams that might be technically better than us. We can be proud of the way we have played."

RESULTS: Pool B: Yugoslavia 1, Norway 5; Austria 2, Japan 2; France 4, Poland 2; Italy 13, Netherlands 0. Pool C: Denmark 11, North Korea 1; Bulgaria 4, Hungary 3; Romania 11, South Korea 3.

Richard Evans meets Ian Balding, a trainer equally adept on the Flat or over jumps

Spirit rising to new challenges

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Stringing along: Ian Balding casts an eye over his powerful team as it winds across the historic Kingsclere gallops in the morning sunshine

THE last, chilly vestige of winter gave way to the early warmth of spring as Crystal Spirit strode purposefully into Starting Gate field, nestling at the foot of Watership Down.

Like a newly-promoted head boy in charge of a class of mischievous first-formers, Crystal Spirit led about thirty of Ian Balding's two-year-olds round in a sweeping circle before going off for an easy canter. Ears pricked, he looked majestic in the Berkshire sunshine.

"It's funny how good horses get that way. They come to know they are stars. He certainly does," said the royal trainer. Morning duties completed, the four-year-old winner of the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival posed for photographs, occasionally gazing up at Watership Down 500 feet above. The springy turf on the Old Mile gallop high above Balding's Kingsclere stables will be the scene of his final piece of serious work today in preparation for Aintree and the Mumm Prize Novices' Hurdle on Grand National day.

For Balding to triumph with his first runner at the festival was a special moment. Nothing is likely to surpass the thrill and joy of training Mill Reef 20 years ago, but in its own way Crystal Spirit's win at Cheltenham did as much to satisfy a man who embodies the Corinthian spirit.

A youthful 52, he plays squash, tennis, cricket and the occasional game of rugby. As well as being the joint master of the local drag hunt, he enjoys point-to-pointing — "it is the one true amateur sport left" — and resists the challenge posed by Aintree's enormous fences in the Fox-hunters' Chase only after acceding to the concerns of worried owners and family.

"I was brought up with jumpers and I rode my first winner as a 16-year-old when still at school. It is so exciting to have a really good jumper. I think I would sooner have a winner at the Cheltenham festival than at Royal Ascot. So many nice people go jumping. Everyone is aware of how much more fun it is, and it was just like a dream day really."

The dream continues and Balding is already mapping out plans for Paul Mellon's exciting hurdler next season, culminating in the Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham. All being well, chasing will then be on the agenda. He has already schooled brilliantly over larger obstacles, but Balding is in no hurry. "I don't like the prospect of a five-year-old running in the three-mile novices' chase at the festival. It is a damned hard race."

Ultimately, the Gold Cup may beckon. Nothing could have been further from his thoughts and those of Emma, his wife, when they suggested to Mellon mating Kris with Crown Treasure, one of the Mellon mares at Kingsclere.

The Baldings had the undulations of Epsom and the Derby more in mind for the resulting half-brother to Diamond Shoal and Glint Of Gold, rather than the slopes at Prestbury Park. But then racing always was the great uncertainty.

Uncertainty for trainers has taken on extra meaning in recent months as more and more owners reluctantly decline to pay around £15,000 a year in training fees when the chance of recovering the outlay from prize-money is increasingly remote.

Balding has a hundred horses in training, only a handful below last season's tally. However, in common with many colleagues, his number of two-year-olds is down, from 54 to 40. "This is where it is hitting, we will feel the pinch in two years' time.

"It is owners who have decided it is too expensive, with little chance of recouping. We won four races with Knock Knock two years ago and he didn't anywhere near pay his way."

Most top trainers have similar tales to tell, and Balding has no doubt as to the extent and cause of the problems. "The poverty of our racing is absurd. We are still racing for £2,000. Like every other trainer in the business, I feel very strongly if we had a Tote monopoly, or even a Tote predominance, it would help. Bookmakers add a bit of atmosphere to the English racing scene, but that is all they contribute."

But spring and hope were in the air as Balding stood on top of Watership Down and pointed out the Derby gallop, created by John Porter a century ago, on which six Derby winners were trained.

"This is the best-kept secret in England," he said, surveying the four yards, five different artificial gallops and countless acres of downland turf at his disposal. The joy of riding out and training thoroughbreds helps make up for the unsatisfactory financial side of the game. That, and hope. "You live for another Mill Reef, don't you? That keeps you going."

By now, his clutch of well-bred youngsters are returning to their stables. Only time will tell if they include another Mill Reef, Mrs Penny or Forest Flower. Balding speaks highly of Selkirk, Fairy Flax and Crystal Spirit's full-sister, Crystal Ring, who was runner-up to the 1,000 Guineas favourite, Shadayid, on her debut at Ascot. "She could be high-class, maybe an Oaks filly."

But with Liverpool, rather than Epsom, at the forefront of his mind, his thoughts returned to Crystal Spirit. "In his own way, he is probablythe most sought after horse in the country. If anyone wanted to own the nicest horse in the country, he would be it."

Our Jackie to star in Times qualifier

By BRIAN BEEL

OUR Jackie, the Silverton maiden winner, looks set to win *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Cattistock point-to-point today. Justin Farthing always had him handy in the Haldon race and went clear four fences out to come home unchallenged by 20 lengths.

The main opposition today could come from Paddy's Lad, a dual winner at Badbury Rings this season, and from Columbique, who fell on his only outing this year but who showed promise last year.

The qualifier at the Monmouthshire has attracted an entry of 58, which may well mean that a division is necessary.

Fifa's Boy makes the most appeal, based on his final outing last year when he impressed at Cursneh Hill. He pulled up a fortnight ago on his debut this term, having led for two miles.

Caught on the run-in at Bredwardine, Bay-Em-Vay could prove one of the dangers but, if she can put last week's disappointing run at Garnons behind her, Celtic Princess, the Golden Valley adjacent winner, may be the greater threat.

In the Spooners and West Dartmoor *Times* qualifier, Philip Scholfield has the choice of mounts between Broughton Manor and I Promised, both of whom won for him last time out. Whichever he chooses will be difficult to beat, but Kingsmill Imp, only a head behind the winner last time out at Wadebridge, will not go down without a fight.

The Land Rover open at the Woodland Pytchley has attracted quality if not quantity. Saybright and Gibraltar Girl head the list of 20, which also contains Stanwick Lad and Write the Music. With the Tarry stable in top form at the moment, Saybright is the selection.

Minette Hill, who had a winning debut ride over the stiffer fences in a hunter chase at Taunton on Thursday on Nearly Handy, has two good opportunities at the Royal Artillery meeting with stable companions Near Exchange and Ruby Flame. The final race at this meeting is for horses of the King's Troop, more normally seen in the musical ride at the Royal Tournament.

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Ashford Valley, Charing, 6 miles north east of Ashford, (first race, 2.0); Blaisdonay, The Carrholme, 1m W of Lincoln, (2.15); Cattistock, Toller Down Gate, 3m NE of Beaminster, (1.15); Cleveland, Witton Castle, 3m W of Bishop Auckland, (2.0); Clifton-on-Teme, Upper Sapey, 6m N of Bromyard, (1.30); East Essex, Marks Tey, 5m W of Colchester, (2.0); Garth and South Bedes, Tweasledown, 3m W of Aldershot, (1.30); Monmouthshire, Llanvapley, 4m E of Abergavenny, (2.0); North Staffordshire, Sandon, 4m SE of Stone, (2.0); Percy, Ratchaugh Farm, 3m E of Alnwick, (2.15); Royal Artillery, Larkhill, 3m NW of Amesbury, (1.0); Spooners and West Dartmoor, Kilworthy, 2m NE of Tavistock, (1.30); Vale of Aylesbury, Kimble, 4m S of Aylesbury, (1.30); Vale of Lune, Whittington, 2m S of Kirkby Lonsdale, (2.0); WRH, Siddington, 2m S of Cirencester, (1.30); Woodland Pytchley, Dingley, 2m E of Market Harborough, (2.15).

Piggott fancied to land treble at the Curragh

LESTER Piggott is in action at the Curragh today for the opening meeting of the season withfive booked mounts, three provided by Vincent O'Brien.

Piggott has been down to Ballydoyle to ride work and the trio, Sportsworld (2.30), Legal Profession (3.30) and Judicial Wit (4.0), should all be forward enough to win.

Sportsworld did not run as a two-year-old, but a cluster of classic engagements indicates the high opinion which Vincent O'Brien entertains for this son of the dual Arc winner Alleged.

Last season, Piggott rode Legal Profession to a four-length win over Star Sleuth at the Curragh, and he was also aboard Judicial Wit when he beat Staunch Friend by three-quarters of a length at Leopardstown.

The victory of Judicial Wit has already been endorsed by Staunch Friend this season and the pair meet on the same terms.

In the Irish Lincolnshire Piggott rides Larnaca, who became the first leg of the first-ever treble for trainer Barry Kelly when scoring over hurdles at Down Royal. The likely favourite for today's event is Montifiore Avenue, already the winner of two handicaps this season.

The other Piggott mount is the Paddy Prendergast-trained course winner Some Fun in the Sunnyhill Handicap.

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Wide Boy. 2.45 Fortlimon. 3.15 Yiragan. 3.45 Audley Lady. 4.15 Anti Matter. 4.45 Kiwi L'Eglise. 5.15 First Crack.

By Thunderer

2.15 Knockbrack. 2.45 Fortlimon. 3.15 Yiragan. 3.45 Audley Lady. 4.15 Anti Matter. 4.45 Good For The Roses. 5.15 Garda's Gold.

Going: soft

2.15 HACCOMBE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,985: 2m 150yd) (5 runners)

1 1213 KNOCKBRACK 36 (D,F,C,S) G Ham 11-12-0 — M A Fitzgerald (7)
2 -P33 KISSANE 8 (C,S) C Brood 10-11-4 — Martin Jones (5)
3 5508 TAFFY JONES 58 (D,F,C,S) M McCormack 12-10-13 — C Maude (5)
4 2461 WIDE BOY 8 (D,F,C,S) P Bailey 9-10-10 — B Powell
5 -PP6 AKRAM 8 (CD,F,C,S) R Hodges 10-10-0 — A Dobbin

Evens Wide Boy, 5-4 Knockbrack, 12-1 Kissane, 14-1 Taffy Jones, 25-1 Akram.

2.45 DARTMOOR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,116: 2m 5f 110yd) (18)

1 /00 OUT THE GAP 58 (D,C,S) M Robinson 8-11-10 — J White
2 60P4 STORMWATCH 24 (C,S) D Gandolfo 5-11-8 — B Powell
3 82P3 MEZZIARA 17 (V,CD,S) D R Tucker 10-10-13 — N Coleman
4 3-P0 PATRICK JAMES 99 (F,C,S) F Jordan 6-10-12 — J Lodder (3)
5 -41P FORTLIMON 17 (B,C,S) M Pipe 5-10-10 — —
6 4212 POMATUM 23 (C,F) J Bosley 6-10-7 — M Bosley
7 3/U DERRYCREHA LASS 666 (F,G) P Cowley 12-10-4 — D Skyrme (3)
8 -0FF RAGTIME SOLO 23 (B,C,S) R Hodges 7-10-3 — —
9 0909 BICKERSTAFFE 8 (G,S) R Callow 10-10-2 — —
10 10-P BLACKGUARD 214 (F) R Manning 5-10-2 — M Bosley
11 0 KINGSWICK 33 (S) Miss K Allison 11-10-2 — M A Fitzgerald (7)
12 2010 BALLY FRENCHMAN 11 (B,S) A Davison 7-10-1 — J Kavanagh (3)
13 P09P PRAIRIE OYSTER 21 (B,S) R Curtis 8-10-0 — S Rassell (7)
14 -620 ARBITRAGE 2 (BF,C,G,S) B Forsey 10-10-0 — W Irvine
15 P/P ANDREA'S PRIDE 9 (S) R Juckes 8-10-0 — A Jackies (5)
16 0060 GOLD 'N SOFT 35 (B,C,G,S) J O'Shea 7-10-0 — M Jones (3)
17 1-05 BELPENEL 25 (G) C Smith 5-10-0 — C Smith
18 0/0 FRANK DALE 67 (G) G Jones 8-10-0 — —

9-2 Arbitrage, 5-1 Bally Frenchman, 6-1 Out The Gap, 8-1 Pomatum, Fortlimon, 10-1 Bickerstaffe, Belpenel, 12-1 others.

3.15 PLYMOUTH SOUND RADIO HANDICAP CHASE (£3,379: 3m 2f 100yd) (7)

1 3135 LAST HOUSE 21 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Easton 8-11-10 — A Charlton
2 P468 BIRLING JACK 18 (S) J Edwards 10-11-0 N Williamson
3 43PF TORSIDE 33 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 12-10-12 — —
4 2-01 YIRAGAN 9 (G,S) D Barons 9-10-10 — J Frost
5 P510 JUST SO 32 (S) J Roberts 8-10-3 — S Burrough (5)
6 9-61 GAY MOORE 17 (CD,S) M Robinson 10-10-3 — J White
7 3F55 COMRA 14 (B,D,G,S) G Ham 12-10-0 — B Powell

2-1 Yiragan, 3-1 Gay Moore, 7-2 Last House, 6-1 Birling Jack, 10-1 Just So, 14-1 Torside, 25-1 Comra.

3.45 MILE END MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £1,983: 2m 150yd) (16)

1 0P0 BLAKENSTON 17 N Mitchell 5-11-7 — D Skyrme (3)
2 6-04 BLICO 17 S Pitts 7-11-7 — C Maude (3)
3 3/62 COOLE DODGER 23 G Ham 6-11-7 — B Powell
4 P/P COOMBE 17 L Wiring 5-11-7 — A Jones
5 DUNSERY BEACON J Roberts 5-11-7 — P Dever
6 0/ KERRYS EYE 660 P Rodford 7-11-7 — R Dennis
7 0 ROYAL BOUNCER 91 T Houlbrooke 5-11-7 — —
8 0230 SAILORS LUCK 22 R Holder 6-11-7 — N Mann
9 SMOOTH STYLE 1089 C Brooks 7-11-7 — J White
10 000F THE BANK 7 F Jordan 5-11-7 — J Lodder (3)
11 4-F ALLYFAIR 65 Mrs J Retter 6-11-2 — S Burrough (5)
12 03 AUDLEY LADY 8 Mrs J Pitman 5-11-2 — M Bowley
13 6 DROP THE BOTTLE 23 H Wills 5-11-2 — M A Fitzgerald (7)
14 P0 SOLDIER EYE 46 J Bosley 5-11-2 — M Bosley
15 00- TEACHER'S DRAM 16F R Dickin 5-11-2 — M Jones (3)
16 P WOODGRADE LASS 17 N Ayliffe 5-11-2 — P Davies (7)

6-4 Audley Lady, 9-2 Coole Dodger, 6-1 Sailors Luck, 7-1 Smooth Style, 14-1 Allyfair, 16-1 others.

4.15 PALACE HOTEL TORQUAY NOVICES CHASE (£2,930: 2m 150yd) (14)

1 0-2P ANDROMAHOS 14 Mrs S Williams 9-11-7 — Mr R Darke (7)
2 11/ ANTI MATTER 680 (F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-7 — J Lower
3 6-2P BARDSLAND 18 J Edwards 7-11-7 — N Williamson
4 33P- BOLD FURY 463 (F) J Roberts 8-11-7 — P Dever
5 0062 ENCHANTED MAN 14 (F,S) D Burchell 7-11-7 — D J Burchell
6 -PPP MASTER DON 12 (S) R Frost 8-11-7 — J Frost
7 /0- MELODY RUN 826 Mrs V Teal 9-11-7 — Mr R Teal (7)
8 /05- SHOKMAN 437 P Rodford 6-11-7 — P Holley
9 3581 EVENING RAIN 17 (CD,S) R Hodges 5-11-5 — A Tory
10 604F CAPE MANTON 14 R Holder 10-11-2 — N Mann
11 55UF SARA LANE 17 (S) N Ayliffe 7-11-2 — —
12 7PP ASCOT DANCER 9 D Barons 5-11-0 — —
13 0P0 SPICE MERCHANT 12 N Gaselee 5-11-0 — E O'Donovan (7)
14 0445 RECIDIVIST 23 (F) R Hodges 5-10-9 — —

10-11 Anti Matter, 9-2 Berkisland, 7-1 Evening Rain, 9-1 Enchanted Man, 14-1 Cape Manton, 20-1 others.

4.45 MILE END MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £1,969: 2m 150yd) (16)

1 5423 ASHFIELD BOY 116 Mrs J Retter 7-11-7 — B Powell
2 05- BACHELOR'S PET 442 J Thomas 5-11-7 — A David (7)
3 28 BORN WITH A VEIL 7 M Pipe 5-11-7 — M Foster (7)
4 30PP CAPTAIN KRAYYAN 39 R Bennett 5-11-7 — L O'Hare (7)
5 4245 GOOD FOR THE ROSES 26 M McCormack 5-11-7 — C Cox
6 0/ GRUNTER 943 W Turner 6-11-7 — S Clifford (7)
7 P GUIDOSAULDO 9 M Francis 5-11-7 — A Tory
8 -P60 HARP ON CLOUD 38 (B) M Pipe 5-11-7 — —
9 2662 KIWI L'EGLISE 36 D Barons 5-11-7 — N Harris
10 6/P MORE COOL 9 P Hobbs 6-11-7 — S Earle
11 OUR BILLY BOY 943F Mrs J Wonnacott 5-11-7 — C Dempsey (7)
12 -54P PLAYPEN 12 R Frost 7-11-7 — J Frost
13 0/4 SANDHURST PARK 9F R Holder 6-11-7 — N Mann
14 TRI SHACK JACK T Hallett 5-11-7 — A Webb
15 00 LITTLE STAG 25 C Smith 5-11-2 — —
16 S SWELLY EXPRESS 89 S Christian 5-11-2 — A Mulholland

9-4 Kiwi L'Eglise, 5-1 Ashfield Boy, 11-2 Born With A Veil, 6-1 Good For The Roses, 10-1 Playpen, 16-1 others.

5.15 ELMHURST HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,431: 2m 150yd) (17)

1 P/P REDGRAVE GIRL 14 (CD,F,G) K Bishop 9-11-12 — S Earle
2 6603 FIRST CRACK 12 (D,F,G) F Jordan 8-11-4 J Lodder (3)
3 1PPP BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 17 (CD,F,G,S) J Thomas 5-11-3 — A David (7)
4 /01 TAPAGEUR 14 (CD,F,S) M Pipe 6-11-2 — J Lower
5 02-5 KINGS VICTORY 9 (CD,S) M Usher 7-11-2 — A Mulholland
6 -005 RICHARDS KATE 14 (D,S) M Bradstock 7-11-1 — M P Fitzgerald (7)
7 10/ HELLO MARK 749 (B,D,S) P Bailey 6-10-10 — D Powell
8 /04 MUSIC WONDER 14 (D,S) N Mitchell 10-10-8 — D Skyrme (3)
9 1632 FINAL SOUND 14 (B,D,F) J Baker 5-10-9 S Burrough (5)
10 0364 PORCELLO 25 (D,G,S) D Burchell 8-10-6 D J Burchell
11 -366 EZADYAR 11 (D,G,S) P Hedger 7-10-4 R Goldings (7)
12 1245 CURIOUS FEELING 7F (CD,F) J Bosley 5-10-2 — M Bosley
13 -536 GARDA'S GOLD 4F (BF,CD,S) R Dickin 8-10-1 — Martin Jones (3)
14 1200 GLENLANDS GIRL 33 (BF,D,G,S) R Bennett 4-10-0 — L O'Hare (7)
15 050P JUST A MEMORY 65 R Manning 5-10-0 D Matthews (7)
16 0P6 MY SPARKLING RING 3 (V) M Usher 5-10-0 — NON-RUNNER
17 P-5P TORRANCE 7 Mrs J Wonnacott 7-10-0 G Dempsey (7)

4-1 Tapageur, 6-1 Kings Victory, First Crack, 7-1 Curious Feeling, 8-1 Bright Sapphire, Final Sound, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs M Easton, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; S Christian, 5 from 15, 33.3%; M Pipe, 141 from 480, 32.8%; C Brooks, 4 from 15, 26.7%; F Jordan, 4 from 19, 21.1%; D Burchell, 5 from 25, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: A Mulholland, 5 winners from 17 rides, 29.4%; N Mann, 5 from 21, 23.8%; J Lower, 18 from 83, 19.3%; A Webb, 14 from 83, 16.9%; C Maude, 4 from 24, 16.7%; A Tory, 5 from 33, 15.2.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Warwick Suite. 3.0 Hostess Quickly. 3.30 Tristam's Comet. 4.0 Rostherne. 4.30 Red Rondo. 5.0 Team Leader. 5.30 How Majestic. 6.0 Red Columbia.

By Thunderer

2.30 Red Hackle. 3.0 Olnicetto. 3.30 Sheriff's Band. 4.0 Rostherne. 4.30 Red Rondo. 5.0 Team Leader. 5.30 York Imperial. 6.0 Norval.

Going: good (chase course); standard (hurdles)

2.30 HERON OF NEWARK HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,892: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 -414 MIGHTY GLOW 25F (V,D,F) C Tinkler 7-12-0 — S Astaire (7)
2 -323 RED HACKLE 11 (V,BF,S) M Pipe 6-11-3 — P Manster (5)
3 39PF ROYAL CRAFTSMAN 18 (F,S) A Dunn 10-11-0 — —
4 2113 FIVE LAMPS 8 (CD,G,S) R Dickin 11-10-8 — B Lawry (7)
5 5253 WARWICK SUITE 6 (B,G,S) M Hammond 9-10-0 — S Lyons (7)
6 46P3 ELLTEE-EBS 2 (CD) R Weaver 6-10-0 — A Farrant (7)
7 1360 FLEET FOOTED 19 (C,F,S) D Topley 8-10-0 — —
8 42-4 FEELTHEBEAT 36 (D,G,S) D Todd 9-10-0 K Johnson
9 60-9 MOVE ABOUT 15 D Whistle 7-10-0 — J Whistle (7)
10 2346 RIBOT STAR 44 (F,G,S) J Long 12-10-0 .. Q Poulton (7)
11 0065 HAZY DANCER 9 G Thorner 5-10-0 — —

9-4 Red Hackle, 7-2 Five Lamps, 4-1 Warwick Suite, 11-2 Elltee-Ebs, 7-1 Mighty Glow, 9-1 Fleet Footed, 14-1 others.

3.0 AVONHOLT SELLING HURDLE (£1,719: 2m 4f) (12)

1 2301 PRIX DU NORD 175 (F,G) K Wingrove 5-12-1 — —
2 2243 FASHION PRINCESS 155 (F) Mrs A Knight 5-11-4 — D Matthews (7)
3 3024 CLEAVERS GATE 24 (B) N Tinkler 8-11-3 — M Hill
4 04P1 OLNICETTO 40 (B,CD) M Pipe 4-11-2 Mr F Manster (5)
5 COMINO GIRL 31F (B) A Reid 5-10-12 — S Curran (7)
6 3P0 FLORET 70F W Wilson 4-10-10 — J McLoughlin
7 004 SOOTY TERN 20 J Bradley 4-10-10 — D Tegg
8 05 HIGHLAND BIDDER 18 (V) G Eden 4-10-5 R Campbell
9 2233 HOSTESS QUICKLY 9 (B) P Hedger 4-10-5 S Keightley
10 25P3 SKY PIONTER 3 J Watson 4-10-0 — P Niven
11 6333 STAR LEADER 33 R Hollinshead 4-10-5 Mr S Wynne (7)
12 P WAXING LYRICAL 38 J Norton 4-10-5 — W Fry (7)

2-1 Olnicetto, 5-1 Cleavers Gate, Prix du Nord, 6-1 Fashion Princess, Hostess Quickly, 10-1 Highland Bidder, 12-1 others.

3.30 SPORTING LIFE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,841: 2m) (14)

1 1422 ROPE 38 (BF,D,F) Mrs F Walwyn 5-11-11 R Chapman
2 0001 CAZAUBEHORE 23 M Robinson 6-11-9 P Barnard (3)
3 5201 SHERIFF'S BAND 12 (D,S) M H Easterby 4-11-3 — M Garritty
4 0223 WEDDING FEAST 24 (S) J McConnochie 6-11-3 — J Shortt
5 0430 RATHER GORGEOUS 28 J Wilson 5-11-1 — P Niven
6 0521 ICE BAR SON 24 (B,CD) A Smith 7-11-0 — S Turner
7 -043 ROWCELL 28 R Hollinshead 5-10-13 — Mr S Wynne (7)
8 6560 PANT LLIN 35 (B,D,F) F Jordan 5-10-11 — C Llewellyn
9 5115 TRISTAN'S COMET 28 (CD) J Harris 4-10-11 J A Harris
10 6P/ BAYTINO 686 J Long 8-10-3 — Mr J Poulton
11 003 MOUNT KINABALU 81 S Christian 4-10-7 — K Mooney
12 /0-0 SHIRYON 14 P Bevan 8-10-5 — S Bailey (7)
13 662P SILLY SAUSAGE 15 J Bradley 8-10-3 — D Tegg
14 42P6 MONASRA 89 R Dickin 6-10-1 — D Meredith (7)

11-4 Cazaubehore, 5-1 Rope, Sheriff's Band, 7-1 Ichi Ban Son, 10-1 Pant Llin, Tristan's Comet, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Upson, 9 winners from 23 runners, 39.1%; S Christian, 6 from 21, 28.1%; M Pipe, 23 from 88, 33.8%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 29 from 98, 29.6%; C Tinkler, 3 from 11, 27.3%; R Hollinshead, 14 from 61, 23%.

JOCKEYS: Ger Lyons, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%; A Orkney, 4 from 19, 21.1%; Mr S Wynne, 4 from 20, 20%; R Supple, 7 from 35, 20%; D Byrne, 8 from 42, 19%; P Niven, 15 from 90, 16.7%.

4.0 PLOUGH MAIDEN CHASE (Div I: £2,251: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1 -FP0 BANANA BOAT 39 Miss P Hall 6-11-7 — R Supple
2 30FP CELTIC MANOR 31 Mrs C Budd 8-11-7 — —
3 0P/ CONEY BAY 822 B Temple 10-11-7 — P Millickey (7)
4 U-2 DAN O'TULLY 16 J Pickering 12-11-7 — D Dennis (7)
5 JUST FRANKIE Mrs G Reveley 7-11-7 — P Niven
6 42P6 LATERAL 15 J Bradley 7-11-7 — D Tegg
7 05BF MR PANTOMIME 8 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-7 — C Llewellyn
8 /P3 PASSO ALL'ERTA 7 P Cowley 8-11-7 — D Telfer
9 2-3F ROSTHERNE 59 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-7 — D Byrne
10 P- TIGER MELODY 2336 M Williamson 9-11-7 — J Shortt
11 P4UF BELL AIRD COUP 15 K Morgan 6-11-2 — A S Smith (5)

11-10 Rostherne, 3-1 Mr Pantomime, 11-2 Dan O'Tully, 6-1 Just Frankie, 10-1 Lateral, 14-1 Passo All'erta, 66-1 others.

4.30 SOUTH MUSKHAM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,329: 2m) (8)

1 1153 RED RONDO 16 (D,F,G) J Edwards 7-12-0 — D Tegg
2 -330 TRIVET 15 (F) P Bevan 8-10-1 — C Llewellyn
3 /63 SARACEN 91 (F,G) Mrs L Taylor 11-10-0 — J Shortt
4 3313 LEACROFT 24 (G) W Haigh 7-10-0 — Ger Lyons
5 6P/- FOXTREE 395 K Morgan 8-10-0 — A S Smith (5)
6 /62 ROYAL BEAR 199 J Bradley 8-10-0 — Mr A Farrant (7)
7 -512 THE GREEN STUFF 171 (BF,CD,G) J Upson 6-10-0 — R Supple
8 /0/ ESPERO 856 C Vernon Miller 10-10-0 — W Humphreys

11-10 Red Rondo, 7-2 Trivet, 4-1 The Green Stuff, 5-1 Leacroft, 10-1 Saracen, 33-1 others.

5.0 PLOUGH MAIDEN CHASE (Div II: £2,251: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 -2PP BARSHARE 9 (B) D Morrill 6-11-7 — R Campbell
2 3225 COPPER MARKET 193 M Hammond 8-11-7 — P Niven
3 ELLERTON HILL C Thornton 8-11-7 — A Orkney
4 P6-5 MELJOUS 21 C Brooke 8-11-7 — B de Haan
5 -PP0 MUSIC MY SON 30 Mrs N Sharpe 10-11-7 — —
6 -P6P RHODERIDGE 98 M Castrel 9-11-7 — —
7 -063 TEAM LEADER 11 T Forster 8-11-7 — C Llewellyn
8 P-P0 THE HUCKLEBUCK 7 R Dickin 6-11-7 — D Byrne
9 /8U THE MERRY GAMBLER 14 (S) M Pipe 9-11-7 — Mr F Manster (5)
10 0P00 SOUTHEND UNITED 67 J Upson 5-10-12 — R Supple

7-4 Team Leader, 9-4 Melicus, 7-2 Copper Market, 5-1 Ellerton Hill, 50-1 others.

5.30 PLOUGH MAIDEN CHASE (Div III: £2,232: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 5U63 EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 16 Mrs S Lamyman 8-11-7 — D Telfer
2 -PFP FINAL SPRING 12 Mrs J Breese 7-11-7 — R Supple
3 2/5 INTO THE GLEN 7 W A Stephenson 8-11-7 — Mr K Johnson
4 0652 LITTLE BRYMA 12 L Parry 8-11-7 — A S Smith (5)
5 -6UP ROUND THE BLOCK 22 (S,S) C Tinkler 9-11-7 — D Poole (7)
6 -228 ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 66 J Edwards 7-11-7 D Tegg
7 -40P THE MAN FROM OMAN 63 C

Talented Marcham to strike early

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

While Barry Hills was understandably disappointed at having to leave Manton after four successful seasons there, some consolation can be found in the manner that his runners have performed so far this year.

Lady Philippa and World's Creation, the only two that he let loose on the all-weather tracks, won five of their six races between them, while of the four that were despatched to Doncaster last week only his Lincoln runner, Lord Of Tusmore, returned home not having won.

It is against this most encouraging backcloth that I believe Marcham can become Hills's first winner since his return to South Bank, his former base in Lambourn, by capturing the Bonusprint Easter Stakes at Kempton Park today.

Last year, Marcham was ridden by his trainer's son Michael when he won his first race at Goodwood and again when he finished third behind Peter Davies and Mukaddamah on an altogether higher plane in the group one *Racing Post* Trophy at Doncaster. Today, the ride on Marcham passes to Steve Cauthen, who is under contract to the colt's owner Sheikh Mohammed this season.



Cauthen: can collect treble at Kempton

Having also won first time out at Goodwood as a two-year-old before finishing a creditable fourth behind Hector Protector, Masterclass and Beau Sultan in the Grand Criterium at Longchamp, Selkirk is quite clearly the main danger on all known form.

However, I feel that the 4lb that he has to give to Marcham should tilt the balance in the favour of my nap.

As a maiden Sylvan Breeze can draw a further 4lb and he is certainly not one to be dismissed lightly with only 8st 6lb to carry as he was a good second behind Time Gentlemen in the Mill Reef Stakes.

Bill Gredley, the owner of the Stetchworth Park Stud, will have his yellow and black colours carried by Environment Friend and Noelreac Julian.

The former, who was one of several promising two-year-olds that James Fanshawe produced in his first season as a trainer, impressed when winning at Newmarket last autumn. In this instance, though, he may just lack the pace with which to trouble Marcham.

For Cauthen, Marcham could turn out to be the middle leg of a treble, to be initiated by So Romantic also winning the Bonusprint Masaka Stakes for Sheikh Mohammed and completed by Dramhead capturing the Queen's Prize for the second year in a row.

Dramhead started at 25-1 12 months ago when he was also partnered by Cauthen. Even in a wide-open race, his odds are unlikely to be so generous this time since he will enter the fray as hard as iron following a successful spell of hurdling which bore fruit twice.

At Carlisle, the Haydock Park Stakes should give us an indication whether the Bill O'Gorman-trained Timeless Times, who won 16 races as a two-year-old, has fully recovered from injuring a knee. His only race since that setback did not exactly bode well as he finished last, albeit when contesting the Laurel Futurity in the United States. Even at his best, Timeless Times will be hard pushed to give Sizzling Saga 7lb.

On the jumping front at Haydock, I like the look of Greenheart's chance of winning the Beamish Irish Stout Handicap Chase.

No matter how he fares in the same race on Meldeour, that stylish jockey Mark Dwyer can still profit by landing a double on Radical Lady who, on form, has the clear beating of Highfrith in the Carlisle Handicap Chase, and Meritmoore (4.50).

Racing next week

MONDAY: Kempton Park, Newcastle, Warwick, Nottingham, Newton Abbot, Chepstow *Plumpton, Wincanton*, Fakenham, Hereford, Huntingdon, Market Rasen, Towcester, Uttoxeter, Carlisle, Wetherby.

TUESDAY: Warwick, Chepstow, Wetherby, Uttoxeter.

WEDNESDAY: Hamilton Park, Worcester.

THURSDAY: Liverpool, Brighton.

FRIDAY: Liverpool, Kempton Park, Devon.

SATURDAY: Liverpool, Lingfield Park, Hereford.

(Flat meetings in bold)

Blinkered first time

KEMPTON PARK: 4.40 Myhamet. **CARLISLE:** 3.45 Needwood Sprite.

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.20 Stately March. 2.50 Macs Buckaroo. 3.20 Sizzling Saga. 3.50 Bonanza. 4.20 Beachy Head. *4.50 Fit The Bill. 5.20 Miss Sarajane.*

By Thunderer

2.20 Friendly Claim. 2.50 Macs Buckaroo. 3.20 Timeless Times. 3.50 Queens Tour. 4.20 Beachy Head. 4.50 Gymcrak Premiere. 5.20 Miss Sarajane.

Michael Seely's nap: 3.50 BONANZA.

Going: good SIS
Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best

2.20 GREAT CORBY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,542: 6f) (8 runners)

1 1-90 FRIENDLY CLAIM 22 (D,F,G) T Barron 9-7 — Alex Greaves (3) 4
2 280- ZEPPEKI 204 J Berry 9-3 — J Carroll 7
3 000- DREAMS EYES 137 B Bastiman 8-13 — — 3
4 02-5 STONELEIGH ABBEY 22 R Hollinshead 8-8 — E Husband (7) 1
5 3305 SOUTH CROFTY 9 (D,F) M Johnston 8-7 — D Biggs (5) 2
6 042- LIGHT-OF-THE-LOCH 144 A Potts 8-4 — — 8
7 60-5 STATELY MARCH 39 (D,F) R Stubbs 8-4 — A Munro 5
8 60-0 MEESON GOLD 29 B McMahon 8-3 — G Duffield 3

15-8 Friendly Claim, 9-2 Zeppeki, 5-1 South Crofty, Stately March, 8-1 Light-Of-The-Loch, 14-1 Meeson Gold, 16-1 others.

2.50 CUMMERSDALE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,521: 5f) (11)

1 3 AUCTION KING 7 A Smith 9-0 — S Webster 2
2 DIAMOND MINE J Berry 9-0 — K Darley 9
3 KICK ON MAJESTIC J Berry 9-0 — J Carroll 7
4 KILTROSE C Thinler 9-0 — M Birch 4
5 5 MACS BUCKAROO 9 W O'Gorman 9-0 — A Munro 10
6 NICELY THANKS T Barron 9-0 — Alex Greaves (3) 1
7 0 NOGGINGS 9 N Tinkler 9-0 — Kim Tinkler 11
8 TREE OWL M Etherby 9-0 — S Morris 6
9 ABSOLUTELY FOXED B McMahon 8-9 — Dean McKeown 9
10 OFFSPRING N Chamberlain 8-9 — J Carr 5
11 PRINCESS MAXINE J S Wilson 8-9 — G Duffield 8

9-4 Macs Buckaroo, 100-30 Diamond Mine, 7-2 Auction King, 7-1 Kick On Majestic, 10-1 Kiltroum, 12-1 others.

3.20 HAYDOCK PARK STAKES (£2,872: 5f) (8)

1 300- GENTLE HERO 180 (D,F,G,S) M Naughton 5-8-9 — K Fallon 4
2 300- METAL BOYS 315 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-9 — S Perks 6
3 020- ZANONI 181 (D,G) M Jarvis 4-8-9 — G Duffield 8
4 040- LOVE RETURNED 181 (D,G,S) W Jarvis 4-8-9 — M Tebbutt 1
5 130- TIMELESS TIMES 181 (D,F,G,S) W O'Gorman 3-8-13 — A Munro 3
6 60-0 FLUORESCENT FLO 29 D Moffatt 4-8-11 — K Darley 5
7 152- ATHENIAN KING 173 (D,F) C Thinler 3-8-8 — M Birch 7
8 321- SIZZLING SAGA 181 (D,F,S) J Berry 3-8-8 — J Carroll 2

11-8 Timeless Times, 4-1 Sizzling Saga, 11-2 Zanoni, 7-1 Athenian King, 10-1 Love Returned, 12-1 others.

3.50 BORDER GARDEN CENTRE HANDICAP (£3,002: 1m 4f) (10)

1 -231 FIRST STAGE 7 J Scargill 4-8-12 — K Rutter (7) 7
2 -506 RED PENCIL 15J R Hollinshead 5-8-10 G Husband (5) 6
3 58-0 QUEENS TOUR 9 (CD,S) M Britain 5-8-7 — G Duffield 9
4 350- DALE PARK 81J (S) N Tinkler 5-8-6 — Kim Tinkler 2
5 015- CUMBRIAN CEILIDH 83J (BF,F) L Lungo 4-8-5 J Carr 4
6 650/ TANOOA 581 (C,F,G) M Britain 5-8-5 — A Munro 3
7 438/ PALM HOUSE 195J G Richards 5-8-1 — J Carroll 8
8 404- NEEDWOOD SPRITE 15J (V,G) B Morgan 5-8-10 — C Hodgson (5) 5
9 006- BONANZA 14J Mrs G Revelay 4-8-3 — M A Giles 10
10 000/ CREE LEADER 21J N Bycroft 6-7-7 — L Charnock 1

11-4 Bonanza, 9-2 Cumbrian Ceilidh, First Stage,

4.20 WETHERAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,172: 1m) (7)

1 13-6 NO HARD FEELINGS 7 (CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 9-7 — K Darley 1
2 630- HOOTING DON 170 (F) J Berry 9-3 — J Carroll 3
3 1- BEACHY HEAD 185 (S) C Thomson 9-12 J Stevenson 2
4 420- VALID POINT 140 (S) M Britain 9-11 — A Munro 4
5 0-00 WILD PROSPECT 7 (C,G) C Tinkler 8-0 — P Burke 5
6 000- PIGEON LOFT 172 P Calver 7-11 — N Carlisle 7
7 055- JOHNS GAMBLE 152 (S) T Fairhurst 7-7 J Fanning (5) 6

2-1 Beachy Head, 11-4 No Hard Feelings.

4.50 IVEGILL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,651: 6f) (15)

1 60- AMERICAN HERO 185 C Tinkler 9-0 — P Burke 5
2 23-2 ARABIAN KING 14 M Britain 9-0 — A Munro 3
3 COLONEL FAIRFAX J Watts 9-0 — L Charnock 8
4 203- DAWN GREY 157 C Thornton 9-0 — J Stoddart 5
5 042- FIT THE BILL 180 (BF) Mrs G Revelay 9-0 K Darley 15
6 02-3 GOODBYE MR MARKS 10 N Bycroft 9-0 S Whitworth 12
7 2- GYMCRAK PREMIERE 328 (BF) M H Easterby 9-0 — M Birch 7
8 KING OF CHANCE Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 — K Fallon 4
9 20- LOCAL DEALER 203 A Stringer 9-0 — M Wood 13
10 3-00 MAGGIES LAD 36 (V) T Fairhurst 9-0 — J Fanning (5) 9
11 00- SOVEREIGN NICHE 141 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 — M McAndrew 2
12 44-4 FAIR DARE 23 C Booth 8-9 — A Culhane 1
13 00- HIGH KICKING 158 J Watts 8-9 — Dean McKeown 14
14 204- SNOWGIRL 271 J Berry 8-9 — J Carroll 10
15 WOLFSKIN J Watts 8-9 — S Perks 11

7-2 Gymcrak Premiere, 5-1 Arabian King.

5.20 HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,586: 1m) (17)

1 054- SKIPPER TO BRIDE 160 (D,S) M Jarvis 4-10-0 — Sarah Chittenden (5) 16
2 500- SPANISH VERDICT 161 (C,F) Denys Smith 4-9-4 — 10
3 041- MARJONS BOY 151 (B,D,G) M Bell 4-9-3 J J O'Dwyer 12
4 60-3 NORTHGATE KING 8 (S) M Britain 4-8-13 D Wright (5) 3
5 20-0 MASTER PLAN 9 (D,F,G) J S Wilson 5-8-12 — R Granger (5) 14
6 -100 MISS SARAJANE 8 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-8-11 — G Parkin (5) 9
7 040- MANSE KEY GOLD 137 (C,G,S) R Bastiman 4-8-10 — 2
8 96-5 CLASSIC SUITE 8 (D,F,S) R Woodhouse 5-8-10 — S Sanders (5) 6
9 00-0 MR MOCCASIN 15J J Glover 4-8-8 — — 13
10 603- KING CRACKER 208J M Hammond 4-8-8 J Weaver 17
11 46-5 PINSBOY 14 (BJ,F) P Blockley 4-8-7 — W Hollick (5) 11
12 350- PROPERS 78J M Dods 5-8-5 — T Morrison 8
13 505- HONEY BOY SIMBA 156 (V,D,F,G) M O'Neill 5-8-5 — W Frost (5) 15
14 000- BELL TURRET 150 (G) A Potts 4-8-2 — A Garth 5
15 000- MAC RAMBLER 61J N Bycroft 4-7-12 — E Husband 4
16 0-00 STAR OF THE SEA 14 (B) N Chamberlain 4-7-7 — M Hunt (5) 1
17 450- THUNDERING 232 (D,S) A Jones 8-7-7 — — 7

4-1 Miss Sarajane, 6-1 Marjons Boy, 7-1 King Cracker, 11 ROARK 413 (S) Miss L Bower 5-11-7 — R Rowett
12 036F ROCKY PIT 34 J Redmond 9-11-7 — Dale McKeown
13 305P TEXAN COWBOY 11 (S) J Gifford 7-11-7 — E McGoley
14 5065 PANEL GAME 15 (S) P Butler 7-11-2 — —
15 P0SP SWEET THURSDAY 24 B Stevens 5-10-9 M Stevens (7)

11-4 False Economy, 7-2 Above and Beyond, 4-1 Plastic Spaceage, 6-1 Rocky Pit, 8-1 Roark, 12-1 others.

4.0 TED BENFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,028: 2m 4f) (11)

1 30P6 PERSIAN STYLE 28 (D,S) J Gifford 7-12-0 — —
2 1043 GANOON 31 (BF,G,S) P Hedger 8-11-8 — M Richards
3 4160 NONE TOO DEAR 36 (V,CD,G,S) G Balding 9-11-7 — S Foster (7)
4 -0P0 GOOD SPARK 14 (C,F,G,S) J Akehurst 5-11-5 — Dale McKeown
5 112- CARPET CAPERS 5F (C,D,F,G,S) J Fitch-Heyes 7-11-3 — I Shoesmark (3)
6 1012 WAGON LOAD 19 (CD,BF,F,S) R Akehurst 5-11-2 — L Harvey
7 141F LE CHAT NOIR 58 (C,F,G) D Griesel 8-10-9 — N Doyle
8 50P4 DISCO DUKE 16 (F) A Moore 6-10-0 — W Morris
9 PPPF QUAI D'ORSAY 65 (CD,F,S) F O'Mahony 8-10-0 — —
10 U104 FLAIRY LAD 28 (G) B Stevens 7-10-0 — M Stevens (7)
11 0503 TRIBAL DRUM 19 (B,CD,G,S) D Browning 12-10-0 — J Akehurst

4-1 Persian Style, 9-2 Wagon Load, 11-2 Ganoon, 6-1 Disco Duke, 9-1 None Too Dear, 12-1 others.

4.30 ABERGAVENNY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,978: 3m 1f) (9)

1 P403 PADDY BUCK 11 (D,F,S) J Honeyball 11-11-10 — S McNeill
2 U000 HASTY DIVER 58 (D,S) J Old 10-11-5 — T Grantham
3 2421 DUNRAVEN ROYAL 24 (S,S) R Curtis 8-11-4 D Morris
4 6534 DR PEPPER 17 (V,CD,G,S) D Barons 14-11-0 L Harvey
5 -PNP SUM DISGUISED 33 (CD,S) O Sherwood 8-10-10 — M Richards
6 0343 RARE LUCK 14 (F) P Jones 8-10-6 — —
7 044P KAMADOOR 11 (F,S) G Balding 8-10-6 R Guest
8 25ZF BARA PEG 14 (S) T Jones 10-10-3 — —
9 6140 MAJOR TOM 61 (CD,F,S) H Wills 14-10-2 P Corrigan

7-4 Dunraven Royal, 4-1 Dr Pepper, 9-2 Rare Luck, 7-1 Bara Peg, 10-1 Kamadoor, 16-1 others.

5.0 HAILSHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,463: 2m) (11)

1 4P5S GABISH 31 (CD,F) J Fitch-Heyes 5-11-8 — L Harvey
2 3421 POETIC GEM 11 (S) G Balding 6-11-5 — R Guest
3 P0 COLORTAG 7 Miss B Sanders 5-11-0 Dale McKeown
4 P INDIAN BISHOP 19 D Browning 5-11-0 — J Akehurst
5 6354 ROBBIE BURNS 14 R Smyth 5-11-0 — I Shoesmark (3)
6 SATORIO 78F J Long 7-11-0 — R Rowett
7 2450 SECRET SUMMIT 27 A Moore 5-11-0 — Candy Morris
8 /00 CHURCH STAR 15 (V) J Bridger 7-10-9 — Rachel Bridger (7)
9 RATHAGE 121F G Greasley 5-10-9 — —
10 060 FREE EDUCATION 40 (BF) P Hedger 4-10-8 — M Richards
11 MIDDAY SHOW 7F J Jenkins 4-10-8 — M Ahern (3)

4-6 Poetic Gem, 11-2 Robbie Burns, 10-1 Secret Summit, 14-1 Free Education, 16-1 Gabish, 20-1 Satorio, 25-1 others.

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Thunderer
2.00 High Principles.	2.00 High Principles.
2.35 Magic Secret.	2.35 MAGIC SECRET (nap).
3.10 Reshift.	3.10 Russian Mink.
3.40 So Romantic.	3.40 Joli's Princess.
4.10 MARCHAM (nap).	4.10 Shalford.
4.40 Drumhead.	4.40 Oxbow.

By Michael Seely

4.10 Environment Friend. 4.40 Art Form.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.40 Sipsi Fach. 4.10 ENVIRONMENT FRIEND (nap). 4.40 Cabochon.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 SYLVAN BREEZE.

Going: good **Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best** SIS

2.0 EBF REDFERN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,006: 5f) (3 runners)

101 (2) CHRISTIAN WARRIOR (Mrs Elaine Adams) R Hannon 9-0 — B Rouse —
102 (3) *DON'T LEAVE ME (D Barker) G Lewis 9-0* — Paul Eddery —
103 (1) HIGH PRINCIPLES (Heathwon Stables Limited) J Berry 9-0 — Pat Eddery —

BETTING: Evens High Principles, 6-4 Christian Warrior, 4-1 Don't Leave Me.

1990: LEVEL XING 9-0 W Carson (9-4) R Hannon 8 ran

2.35 CHATSWORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,328: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

201 (12) 36541- PORT SUNLIGHT 171 (S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 8-7 — S Raymond 55
202 (1) 654353- CARDLE'S KING 176 (F) (Mrs C Viney) W Carter 9-1 — T Williams 59
203 (13) 213210- WESTFIELD MOVES 140 (F,G) (A Weldey) H Collingridge 9-1 — J Quinn 60
204 (2) 322221- MAGIC SECRET 187 (S) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-13 — Pat Eddery 62
205 (8) 21-1202 HONING STONE 16 (Shadowlax Racing) C Allen 8-11 — Mick Dwyer (7) 64
206 (9) 553- HELIOS 157 (Mrs C Pelling) R Simpson 8-10 — A Tucker (7) 56
207 (7) 001- HOLD COURT 161 (S) (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-5 — W Newnes 52
208 (3) 06-13 DOROTHEUM 25 (Mrs M Newby Vincent) M Muggeridge 8-1 — D McKay 56
209 (4) 06001- BLUSHING BELLE 171 (D,S) (S Crowe) P Cole 8-0 — T Quinn 57
210 (5) 040336- ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 149 (P Jubert) S Dow 7-11 — W Carson 53
211 (6) 5540- BELLEFAN 159 (Hambleton Thoroughbred 1989 Plc) M Bell 7-7 — B Doyle (5) 57
212 (11) 00-2154 CLASSIC ACCOUNT 21 (D) (R Lee) C Wildman 7-7 — N Adams 56
213 (10) 00000- VICEROY GEM 128 (F Broom) R Hannon 7-7 — G Bardwell 56

Long handicap: Classic Account 7-5, Viceroy Gem 7-3.

BETTING: 4-1 Magic Secret, 9-2 Port Sunlight, 5-1 Honing Stone, 13-2 Classic Account, 8-1 Absolutely Right, 10-1 Dorothea, 12-1 Blushing Belle, 14-1 others.

1990: HIGH BEACON 9-7 C Rutter (25-1) H Candy 17 ran

3.10 QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,692: 5f) (18 runners)

301 (5) 0210-10 RESHIFT 7 (D,G,S) (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) M Bell 8-9 — C Pollard (7) 67
302 (18) 10- PERSIANALLI 175 (D,F) (Mrs S Taylor) J Gosden 9-7 — W R Swinburn 69
303 (8) 433511- DASWAKI 185 (D,F,S) (D Allen) R Hannon 9-6 — B Rouse 66
304 (16) 1120-0 ITSAGAME 7 (F) (P Chalcko) S Dow 8-2 — A Martinez (7) 60
305 (1) 5010- TUMBLE TWIST 178 (D,G) (C Bottrway) B Hanbury 9-1 — B Raymond 66
306 (3) 132464- ARTURIAN 141 (B,G) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 8-0 — J Reid 62
307 (6) 302240- PRINCESS TARA 169 (D,F) (Rolivate Ltd) G Lewis 8-13 — Paul Eddery 63
308 (14) 35010- DURNELTOR 154 (D,G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 8-13 — R Perham (5) 61
309 (11) 42125- DANCE ON SIXPENCE 182 (G) (Mrs F Kelly) H Collingridge 8-13 — J Quinn 63
310 (7) 501- TAKADDUM 138 (D,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-12 — W Carson 65
311 (17) 240080- PIGALLE WONDER 154 (A Whitting) W Holden 8-11 — D McKay 66
312 (4) 0231- RUSSIAN MINK 154 (D,S) (Lord Wolfinstock) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 — Dale Gibson 64
313 (12) 412050- CANDLE KING 169 (D,F) (Fairfax Pennership) M Fetherston-Godley 8-5 M Roberts 66
314 (13) 003140- BANBURY FLYER 141 (F) (J Martin) Mrs A King 8-5 — R Hills 64
315 (15) 3615- MEDAILLE D'OR 215 (F) (J Borrett) J Payne 8-4 — M Hills 67
316 (2) 4410- DOMINO DANCING 185 (F) (Mrs S Myers) C Nelson 8-3 — A Clark 64
317 (10) 311005- WAAD 148 (D,F) (Sheik M Althani) N Callaghan 7-10 — T Williams 69
318 (9) 550- EBONY ENTERTAINER 159 (A Merritt) S Dow 7-9 — R Fox 67

BETTING: 11-4 Reshift, 7-2 Daswaki, 5-1 Persianalli, 8-1 Takaddum, 8-1 Russian Mink, 12-1 Arturian, 14-1 Princess Tara, 16-1 others.

1990: CHEVEUX MITCHELL 8-1 J Quinn (20-1) M Channon 26 ran

3.40 BONUSPRINT MASAKA STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £9,561: 1m) (5 runners)

401 (5) 21- JOIE DE SOIR 107 (J Newton) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 — J Reid 66
402 (2) 162402- JOLI'S PRINCESS 170 (F) (P Hart) M Ryan 8-9 — W Carson 69
403 (3) 114143- SIPSI FACH 189 (F,G) (W Joyce) M Bell 8-9 — M Hills 61
404 (1) 102- SO ROMANTIC 158 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-9 — S Cauthen 64
405 (4) 350- SATANIC DANCE 169 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Britain 8-5 — M Roberts 67

BETTING: 7-4 So Romantic, 5-2 Joli's Princess, 4-1 Joie De Soir, 11-2 Sipsi Fach, 8-1 Satanic Dance.

1990: ALIDIVA 8-9 S Cauthen (8-13 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS JOIE DE SOIR beat Pacific Film ¾l at Southwell (7f, AW); JOLI'S PRINCESS won his first two starts at Brighton (6f, firm) and Windsor (6f, good to firm) and put up best effort in defeat when neck 2nd to Advick Park in York (6f, good) nursery on final start.
SIPSI FACH 1¼l 2nd to Arrawanna in listed race at San Siro (7f 110yd, good); earlier 9l 4th to Mejmu at Doncaster (1m, good) with SATANIC DANCE (4lb better off) 13l 7th. SO ROMANTIC beat Good Policy 2½l at Lingfield (7f, good to firm) on debut and 5l 2nd to Lilian Bayliss at Chester (7f, good to soft) on first start. SATANIC DANCE 3½l 5th of 25 to Zonda at Newbury (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: SIPSI FACH

4.10 BONUSPRINT EASTER STAKES (3-Y-O colts & geldings: £12,640: 1m) (10 runners)

501 (3) 10445-1 REGAL CREST 9 (D,G,S) (R Lesh) J Berry 9-0 — Pat Eddery 67
502 (8) 14- SELKIRK 175 (D,F) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 — J Reid 72
503 (2) 1425- CORRUPT 249 (F) (F Kelly) N Callaghan 8-10 — A Cruz 61
504 (1) 1365- EL DINERO 158 (G) (F Lopes) W Jarvis 8-10 — L Dettori 69
505 (9) 61- ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 177 (G) (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 8-10 W R Swinburn 63
506 (4) 13- MARCHAM 154 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-10 — S Cauthen 72
507 (6) 2-1 NOELREAC JULIAN 76 (W Gredley) C Britain 8-10 — M Roberts 64
508 (7) 115223- SHALFORD 188 (F,G) (D Cock) R Hannon 8-10 — W Carson 70
509 (5) 15500-6 SUNSET STREET 21 (C,F,G) (A Richards) C Britain 8-10 — T Quinn 74
510 (10) 6426- SYLVAN BREEZE 151 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 8-8 — J Williams 69

BETTING: 2-1 Marcham, 4-1 Selkirk, 9-2 Regal Crest, 8-1 Shalford, Sylvan Breeze, 10-1 Environment Friend, 12-1 Sunset Street, 14-1 Noelreac Julian, 16-1 Corrupt.

1990: ELMAAMUL 8-10 W Carson (11-8 fav) W R Hern 9 ran

FORM FOCUS REGAL CREST showed improved form when beating Two Left Feet 1l in listed Doncaster Mile (soft). SELKIRK impressed when beating Balad 4l in listed race at Goodwood (1m, good to firm); latest 5¼l 4th to Hector Protector in Grand Criterium at Longchamp (1m, good to soft).
CORRUPT put up best effort last term when ½l 2nd to Sipsi Fach in Newmarket (7f, good to firm) nursery with SUNSET STREET (15lb worse off) 3l 3rd. EL DINERO 14¾l 6th to Sapphire in the group III Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury (7f 60yd, good) with SUNSET STREET last of the nine. ENVIRONMENT FRIEND beat Fly To The Moon ¾l at Newmarket (7f, good). MARCHAM, easily best Amigos 3l at Goodwood (7f, good to firm); latest found ground too testing when 4l 3rd to Peter Davies in Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster (1m, soft). NOELREAC JULIAN 1¼l 2nd to Chimayo at Newmarket (6f, good); latest beat Year Of The Dragon 2½l at Lingfield (7f, AW). SHALFORD ½l 2nd to Majood in listed race at Kempton (6f, good) with fast-finishing SYLVAN BREEZE ¾l 4th. SYLVAN BREEZE 1¾l 2nd to Time Gentleman in Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury (6f, good to firm) with SHALFORD (4lb worse off) 2l 3rd.
Selection: MARCHAM (nap)

4.40 QUEEN'S PRIZE (Handicap: £9,090: 2m) (19 runners)

601 (12) 4/42625- DOUBLE DUTCH 198 (CD,F,G,S) (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 7-10-0 W Newnes 68
602 (16) 421243- RETOUCH 141 (F,G) (S Wingfield Digby) P Cole 5-9-13 — T Quinn 67
603 (9) 564240- DRUMHEAD 21J (V,CD,G,S) (A Oldroy) P Walwyn 5-9-9 — S Cauthen 68
604 (4) 310231- MATADOR 155 (C,F,G) (S Niarchos) R Charlton 4-9-5 — Pat Eddery 69
605 (14) 1200/ STAR NORTH 743J (G,S) (Orchid Racing) M Usher 7-9-5 — J Kennedy —
606 (15) 012150- SHAMBO 189 (F,G) (Mrs C Britain) C Britain 4-9-4 — M Roberts 91
607 (13) 0/213-40 TAKE ONE 39 (F) (N Shields) P Mitchell 5-8-11 — S O'Gorman (5) 64
608 (18) 013211- CABOCHON 146 (D,G,S) (Col Sir P Bengough) D Morley 4-8-10 — W Carson 83
609 (11) 010431- BESITO 158 (D,F,S) (T Painting) R Simpson 4-8-3 — A Tucker (7) 97
610 (17) 11254-1 MUSE 9 (C,F,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 4-8-3 — J Horton (7) 96
611 (1) 312460- KIKITAS 192 (F,G) (A Sofronidou) Miss A Whitfield 6-8-2 — G Baxter 82
612 (2) 21/0509- MYHAMET 30J (S,F) (G Meadowe) P Hobbs 4-8-0 — A McGlone 94
613 (6) 06622-5 OXBOW 7 (S,BF) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-7-13 — T Williams 81
614 (7) 12066-1 ART FORM 16 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-7-11 — J Quinn 89
615 (5) 103350- PRINCE SOBUR 161 (S) (C Buttery) M Blanshard 5-7-6 — R Fox 86
616 (5) 0040-2 ST ARELDA 9 (Y Bird) M Bell 4-7-7 — N Kennedy (5) 83
617 (19) 200/43-1 SAGAMAN 8 (S) (R Black) L Codd 5-7-7 — G Sardwell 92
618 (3) 0400/00- MILTON BURN 152 (CD,F,G,S) (A Richards) C Austin 10-7-7 — B Doyle (5) —
619 (10) 23/00- ONE TO NOTE 17J (G) (Noteworthy Friends) M Muggeridge 7-7-7 — D McKay —

Long handicaps: St Arlida 7-4, Sagaman 7-1, Milton Burn 6-8, One To Note 6-8.

BETTING: 5-1 Sagaman, 11-2 Muse, 6-1 Retouch, 7-1 Drumhead, 8-1 Art Form, 10-1 Cabochon, 12-1 Matador, Double Dutch, 14-1 Shambo, Prince Sobur, 20-1 others.

1990: DRUMHEAD 4-9-3 S Cauthen (25-1) P Walwyn 15 ran

FORM FOCUS DOUBLE DUTCH 13¾l 6th to Al Mahab in the Doncaster Cup (2m 2f, good); beat Chelsea Girl a neck in previous season's Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket (2m 2f, good) with MILTON BURN (10lb better off) tailed off 20th.
RETOUCH 23¾l 4th to Nebawee at Ascot (2m 45yd, good) on penultimate start with MILTON BURN (5lb better off) tailed off 7th; previously 11¾l 2nd to Crystal Spirit at Haydock (2m 1f 130yd, good) with PRINCE SOBUR (2lb better off) a neck 3rd.
DRUMHEAD recently beat Prince Cava 8l in Ayr (2m, soft) novice hurdle; beat DOUBLE DUTCH (7lb better off) 2¾l in this race last year. MATADOR beat Noble Endeavour 3l at Newbury (1m 5f 60yd, good) with MYHAMET (11lb better off) distance 10th. SHAMBO beat Great Marquess a head at York (1m 6f, good) with BESITO (same terms) 18l 11th. CABOCHON beat Clwyd Lodge 2½l at Newcastle (2m, soft) on final outing last term.
BESITO beat Glazerite 25l at Chester (2m, good to soft); previously 3¼l 3rd to Rainbow Stripes at Warwick (2m, good to firm) with ART FORM (16lb better off) 8¼l 6th and ST ARLIDA (20lb better off) distant 13th. MUSE beat ST ARLIDA (same terms) ¾l at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to soft). ART FORM beat Beau Guest 2½l at Southwell (AW, 1m 8f). SAGAMAN beat Yorkshire Holly 8l at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: MUSE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Berry	3	12	25.0
J Gosden	4	21	19.0
B Hills	13	74	17.6
B Hanbury	6	35	17.1
D Elsworth	18	113	15.9
P Walwyn	12	78	15.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	58	240	22.3
S Cauthen	40	199	20.1
W R Swinburn	24	148	16.4
W Carson	32	231	13.9
T Quinn	16	132	12.1
M Hills	5	45	11.1

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Thunderer
2.15 Acrow Lord.	2.15 Acrow Lord.
2.45 Radical Lady.	2.45 Radical Lady.
3.15 Sonny Hill Lad.	3.15 Capulet.
3.45 Greenhart.	3.45 Sawdust Jack.
4.20 Springaleak.	4.20 Springaleak.
4.50 Meritmoore.	4.50 Meritmoore.
5.20 Royal Estimate.	5.20 Regal Reform.

Going: good to soft SIS

2.15 MATTHEW PEACOCK NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,847: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 021243 WAKE UP 31 (BF,S) (Mrs J Ward) R O'Leary 11-4 — L Wyer 98
2 ACROW LORD 194F (W de Vigier) M Pipe 10-12 — M Perrett —
3 644 ANDERMATT 14 (A Sasse) O Sherwood 10-12 — C Grant 67
4 55544 STEPPING LIGHTLY 58 (BF) (P Pitler) W A Stephenson 10-12 — N Doughty 92
5 98 PEGGY FISH 109 (E Madden) G Richards 10-7 — D Gallagher 82

BETTING: 5-2 Acrow Lord, 11-4 Peggy Fish, 100-30 Wake Up, 11-2 Andermatt, 13-2 Stepping Lightly.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS WAKE UP beat Kibrest 2l at Warwick (2m, soft) in January; 9l 3rd to Kanndabil at Wetherby (2m, soft). ANDERMATT 15l 4th to Annio Chilone at Lingfield (2m 4f, soft).
STEPPING LIGHTLY 13l 4th to Granary Grain at Edinburgh (3m, good). PEGGY FISH put up better of two efforts when running-on 10l 5th to Persian House at Ayr (2m, good to soft). ACROW LORD showed best form last term when 1l 2nd to Noble Son at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: WAKE UP

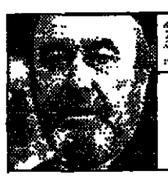
2.45 CARLISLE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,012: 3m) (5 runners)

1 43-F233 HIGHFRITH 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Lord Cavendish) G Richards 8-12-0 — N Doughty 91
2 4P6112 RUBIKA 14 (D,G,S) (T Hemmings) S Mellor 8-11-6 — J J Quinn — 90
3 33PP/P0 BRABINER BOY 15 (F) (T Laxton) T Laxton 10-10-12 — M Dwyer 96
4 .P21512 RADICAL LADY 10 (C,D,F,G,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Moore 7-10-11 — M Dwyer 96
5 03-6646 RAISE AN ARGUMENT 18 (C,G,S) (J Poynton) J J O'Neill 12-10-11 — J Osborne 89

BETTING: 11-8 Radical Lady, 2-1 Rubika, 5-1 Highfrith, 6-1 Raise An Argument, 25-1 Brabiner Boy.

FORM FOCUS HIGHFRITH led from 2 out to beat Ida's Delight 1¼l at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good to firm); beat Rifle Range ¾l in novice chase over course and distance (good to soft).RUBIKA 20l 2nd to Bonanza Boy in valuable Midlands National at Uttoxeter (4m, soft); previously ridden out to beat Woodgate 12l at Warwick (3m 4f 180yd, good to soft).
BRABINER BOY won novice chase at Sedgefield (3m 2f 160yd, good to firm) two seasons ago; latest tailed off 8th behind Up And Coming at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, good). RADICAL LADY running-on 11l 2nd to Snowfire Chap at Kelso (3m, soft) with HIGHFRITH (2lb better off) 15l 3rd after 3 month abs

Sports aid scheme is 'fraught with dangers'



COMMENT

TOM PENDRY

Many people in British sport had high hopes that the Budget would provide some evidence to back up the government's recent attempts to claim conversion to being sports mad and eager to help the industry. Those hopes have been cruelly dashed. In place of concrete measures, we have an enormous gamble and more *questions than answers.*

The government refused to take any immediate steps to support sport, through, for example, lifting the burden of corporation tax from sport's national bodies.

The sports minister, Robert *Atkins, had told the press in* January that this move would have got vitally-needed money through to the grass roots and stopped a "vast loss of income which could be devoted to schools and clubs". For that reason, he was putting the proposal to the Treasury. It appears he got short shrift.

Instead, the Chancellor managed, in outlining his scheme for a new foundation for sport and the arts — funded by the pools companies and a reduction in the tax on them — to bewilder sports administrators, who have no idea how such a scheme would operate, to anger the minority pools companies, who were not consulted; and to deliver a humiliating snub to his sports minister.

Quite why the already underinvested football industry should be required by the Chancellor to provide cash for the arts and other sports is a mystery.

If there is any money within the football industry, I should have thought that the government would wish it to be used to install safe seating at grounds, rather than subsidise seats at the Royal Opera House. After all, there is a binding agreement between the English and Scottish leagues and the pools companies over the allocation of football pools monies that appears to have been bypassed in this unsavoury process.

That is not to say that I think the arts should not receive more support from central government. Far from it. But it should receive it as of *right* in greater direct government grant, rather than as a hand-out from football punters, who will pay for the proposed foundation out of their stakes.

Just as importantly, however, the Budget has resulted in an irresponsible gamble that is fraught with dangers. For the plain fact is that in answers to a series of parliamentary questions which I put down this week, the Chancellor has revealed to me that he has allowed himself, on the basis of one meeting on March 8 with only one of the pools companies, to agree to include in the Budget a scheme for which there does not exist even the most basic plans.

For when I asked for such simple details as what method and criteria would be adopted in deciding the membership of the *proposed foundation and* whether or not bodies such as the four sports councils, the British Olympic Association, the Central Council of Physical Recreation or local authorities' organisations would be included as members, he was unable to tell me.

Also, he revealed that he did not know the ratio of funding between sport and the arts which will be provided by the foundation, or how many staff would be required to run it.

Perhaps, most worryingly, there are no concrete plans in place to ensure any effective monitoring, audit or accountability of the foundation's work, and, amazingly, neither the Chancellor himself nor any treasury minister has immediate plans to meet the pools companies to discuss these matters.

The government has told me that it hopes the scheme will begin *operating by the start of the* next football season, but only if the foundation is established with satisfactory terms and conditions. There are many who might wonder why, given that tight timetable, the Treasury is not acting with more urgency.

One person who, in my view, ought to be less than happy with this shambles of a situation, is the sports minister. For he has revealed to me that neither he, nor any official, was invited to the Chancellor's meeting with the pools company to discuss the proposed new scheme. Furthermore, it has not even been decided whether or not he will be represented on the foundation.

This whole sorry mess has at least managed to demonstrate one thing beyond any shadow of a doubt. That is that the wishful *thinking of those* administrators who initially believed that the John Major/Robert Atkins duo could be some kind of "dream ticket for sport" has proved to be woefully off the mark.

Overlooked in discussions and rebuffed by the Treasury, the sports *minister now faces the task* being not so much a partner in a "dream ticket" as more of a bit actor in a nightmare scenario.

Sport will think twice, I am sure, before again sending roses to this government, lest it is left holding merely the thorns.

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FOOTBALL

Revived Liverpool look for another fillip from Derby

By CLIVE WHITE

THE score at the Baseball Ground today, rather than the result, will be what interests Liverpool's supporters. Only an incurable Merseyside optimist would expect Arsenal to trip up against Derby County, but there is great expectation that they will not be able to match the champions' 7-1 victory there last week.

Confidence is never more important than at this stage of the season, when pretenders to the championship title enter the finishing straight and Liverpool, after the month or two they have just had, will be looking for every little boost they can get.

There is a hint that their luck may have already changed, as a couple of wins have coincided with Arsenal dropping four points to concede the leadership to Liverpool by a point. A resurgent Queen's Park Rangers, who are unbeaten in seven games, will provide Liverpool with just the kind of test they need at Anfield.

Liverpool expect to field the *same team that put Derby in a* spin, which means that Mike Hooper will continue to deputise in goal for Bruce Grobbelaar, who is injured, and Steve Nicol will play despite missing Scotland's match against Bulgaria in midweek with a shoulder injury.

Everton may be in no position this season to challenge for League honours, but at least they still have a Wembley appearance to savour, even if it is in the much-maligned Zenith Data Systems Cup, in which their opponents will be Crystal Palace a week tomorrow.

Suddenly, the League becomes less important than a minor cup competition, but Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, has warned his players not to think that way as they approach games against Aston Villa at Villa Park today and Norwich City at Goodison Park on Monday.

"Hopefully, the players will look at it as a challenge to try to secure their places," he said. Other than Villa's need to dispel any lingering danger of relegation, today's game is notable for two other reasons: Neville Southall makes his 500th appearance since Kendall signed him from Bury for £150,000 ten years ago.

The outstanding first di*vision dogfight is that* between Sheffield United and Luton Town at Bramall Lane, though United may feel after seven consecutive wins and a draw there is more pedigree than mongrel about them. Chris Wilder, their defender, is in *the doghouse as far as* Dave Bassett, the manager, is concerned however, after breaking a wrist while playing with his pet labrador. John Pemberton is the likely deputy.

Top of first division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	29	19	6	4	59	25	63
Arsenal	29	18	10	1	51	18	62
C Palace	30	17	7	6	41	33	58
Leeds Utd	28	13	7	8	41	30	46
Man Utd	30	12	10	8	46	35	45
Wimbledon	29	10	12	7	43	36	42
Man City	29	11	9	9	41	40	42

Lineker is told to rest

GARY Lineker, the Tottenham Hotspur and England forward, who was substituted against the *Republic of Ireland at Wembley* on Wednesday, has been given a break until next Wednesday by Terry Venables, his club manager, in an attempt to regain his sharpness (Dennis Signy writes).

Lineker, who was appointed captain of England by Graham Taylor earlier in the season, misses the home game against Coventry City today and the visit to Luton Town on Monday. He has looked below par in recent matches, registering only four goals for his club, including two penalties, since New Year's Day. He also scored both England's goals, including one penalty, against Cameroon last month but according to Venables has been "*out of sorts* and tired" in recent games.

"We hope that he will get his sharpness back. I don't think he has had a break in seasons like most players." Venables said. He made the decision with the FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal next month in mind, since Lineker has been playing with knocks and bruises.

Paul Walsh is the likely deputy to play alongside Philip Gray, the Northern Ireland Under-21 forward, with Paul Stewart being played in a withdrawn role.

Marseilles rescued by Federation

PARIS (AP) — The French football federation has come to the rescue of Marseilles by ordering a postponement of the champions' league match in Brest from April 6 until May 1.

Marseilles, who wanted more time to prepare for their European Cup semi-final in Moscow against Spartak on April 10, had threatened to field its reserves in the fixture when the French league refused a postponement.

☐ Oxford and Cambridge meet in the University match at Fulham today (11am). The match will finish 45 minutes before the start of the Boat Race, which passes Fulham's Craven *Cottage ground. Prices of ad*mission are £5 and £2, not as reported yesterday.

☐ HANOVER: Police arrested 78 hooligans here after fighting during a second division match between Hanover '96 and Eintracht Brunswick.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

First division

Aston Villa v Everton
The Aston Villa winger, Daley, is set to make only his second appearance of 1991 after hamstring trouble. Hinchcliffe, sidelined for five matches with a knee injury, and McCall, return for Everton.

Chelsea v Leeds Utd
Dixon (hip) and Le Saux (sciatica and suspension) return for Chelsea, who have won one of their last six League games. Leeds include Varadi in a squad of 16 but are likely to be unchanged.

Derby v Arsenal
The Derby manager, Arthur Cox, is demanding pride and passion from his team after their debacle against Liverpool, and has added Williams, Pickering and Gee to last week's 13. Arsenal have no injury worries and are likely to be unchanged.

Liverpool v QPR
Liverpool retain the 11 that swamped Derby with Hooper again deputising in goal. Nicol has recovered from a shoulder injury. QPR, unbeaten for seven games, expect to keep the side that drew 0-0 with Tottenham last week.

Man City v Southampton
Hendry (virus), Megson (hamstring), Hill (ankle) and Pointon (suspension) are absentees. Gittens, re-signed by Southampton for £400,000 from Swindon after being sold to the Wiltshire club by Southampton four years ago, replaces either Moore or Ruddock.

Norwich v Man Utd
Fleck, of Norwich, has recovered from an ankle injury that forced him out of midweek international duty and is included in an unchanged squad. Webb returns for United after missing seven games with a cracked *rib. Ince is also in a squad of 14.*

Sheffield Utd v Luton
Sheffield United, chasing an eighth win in nine games, can call on Hodges for the Easter programme before he begins a six-match ban. Luton have the defender, James, available after recovering from a head injury received in training.

Sunderland v C Palace
Armstrong (shoulder) is fighting to extend his run of 100 consecutive appearances for Sunderland, while Pascoe faces a test after spraining an ankle when training with Wales in Belgium. Palace are expected to include Bodin, their recent signing from Swindon.

One of a breed players prefer

By CLIVE WHITE

IT IS a fair bet that the Football Writers' Association, when it comes to its turn, will not echo the verdict of the Professional Footballers' Association and pronounce Mark Hughes as the winner of their player of the year award, as the PFA did last Sunday.

On only six occasions since the players 17 years ago first let the public know what the professionals thought, have the two groups agreed, although there was a suggestion of some unanimity in the mid-Eighties when the two sides arrived at the same conclusion five times out of six. But this year's choice by the PFA is unlikely to concur with the view of most scribes, nor would it appear to have done with that of the public, who chose Paul Gascoigne as the BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

In some ways, Hughes would seem to be less the players' kind of choice than the spectators, whom, we are told, are invariably dazzled by the spectacular to the point where they fail to see simple beauty. When it comes to scoring spectacular goals, Hughes is in a league of his own.

But in most other ways Hughes would seem to be a classic choice by the PFA, a player's player. Ever since Norman "Bitesyerleg" Hunter won their first award, there has been a tendency not to honour the prima donna type and the vote this year would appear to have been as much against Gascoigne, who was third, as for Hughes.

There is no question, though, that the public at large fail to appreciate the full range of Hughes's qualities.

Some might even be astounded that he should have become the first player to win the award twice (he also won it in 1989) when his contemporaries have included players of the calibre of Brady, Dalglish and Barnes (the first player to be honoured twice by the FWA).

They might also be taken aback to hear his peers talk of his great touch and technique. Terry Yorath, who manages Hughes at international level, has long been an admirer of Hughes's basic skills. "If you stationed Hughes along with any players you care to choose on the halfway line and got a goalkeeper to belt the ball up to them, Hughes would be the only one, ten times out of ten, who would bring the ball down dead," the Wales manager said.

"His ability to hold up the ball is probably as good as anybody in Europe," Yorath added. "He's a player who's always going to get criticism because of the robust manner in which he plays. But he's never afraid to stick his neck on the line by trying to do things that are foreign to many British players."

Ron Atkinson, who was responsible for unleashing the brutish young Hughes on unsuspecting centre backs some eight years ago, agreed with Yorath that Hughes's ability to receive the ball was possibly without equal in the world. But it was impossible for either Atkinson or Yorath to discount the physical aspect of Hughes's play, which many will see as a sad indictment of the modern game. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, describes him as the Mr Universe among forwards.

"We used to laugh," Atkinson said, "when people spoke about Norman Whiteside being our hard man. But Norman's greatest asset was his fabulous ability. We used to say, 'It's Sparky you want to worry about in that respect, not Norman.' "

Atkinson was surprised that the Spanish public did not take to Hughes when he sold him to Barcelona. Again it was a case of Hughes not being everyone's glass of sangria because the Barcelona players were believed to have appreciated him. "Having worked in Spain and seen what their centre halves are like, I'm amazed he didn't score a 100 goals a season," Atkinson said.

Criticism that Hughes was a maverick gained more credence when he and Brian McClair again failed to hit it off as a pair last season. While Atkinson conceded that Hughes did have trouble linking-up play with what he described as "the bread and butter stuff", what was lacking was a proper service rather than any intuitive understanding between Hughes and McClair.

The advent of Lee Sharpe this season has provided the wide service that Hughes always enjoyed from the likes of Strachan, Peter Barnes and Olsen.

The timing of Hughes's return to form could not be worse for Atkinson, who as manager of Sheffield Wednesday comes face to face with his protege in the Rumbelows Cup final on April 21. Thankfully for Atkinson, he knows the best way to handle Hughes: "from a distance", he said.



Award winner: Hughes's robust approach fails to cloak some extraordinary skills

YACHTING

Best way forward for RAF sailors

From BARRY PICKTHALL
IN LA TRINITÉ, FRANCE

BRITISH crews, led by the Royal Air Force's new Admiral's Cup yacht, Wings of Oracle, carried off the top honours on the opening day of the Spi Ouest Regatta here yesterday.

Not only did John Best and his crew lead the Admiral's Cup fleet from start to finish after opening up a 1min 20sec lead over their French two-ton rival, Corum 45, on the first leg of their 15-mile Olympic course, but Crispian Hotson's latest Dubois-designed 54ft racer-cruiser, Dump Truck, overcame the strong Channel handicap fleet.

Less happy were the fleet of one-tonners vying for a place in the British Admiral's Cup team. Andrew Hurst and his crew, sailing the former top Italian yacht, Amsterdamed, now renamed Shardana, stole a march on the first beat but were beaten at the finish by the French Admiral's Cup entry, Corum 40, skippered by Xavier Philippon, despite their third-rank start and an enforced 720 penalty incurred for hitting a mark. That suggests the British have some way to go to improve their speed.

British crews, however, also held sway in the highly competitive J24 class, with Jonathan Clark's Smokey Joe leading the 28-strong fleet during the opening leg of their race, with five of his south coast rivals also contesting places in the top ten.

Reed puts case for boundary

AS THE 18 skippers who remain in the BOC single-handed round the world race prepare to set out from Punta del Este, *Uruguay, today on the last stage* back to Newport, Rhode Island, a growing number are backing a call from Bertie Reed to set a southern latitude limit in future races (Barry Pickthall writes).

Reed rescued John Martin during the last leg around Cape Horn and was awarded an eight-hour allowance after his fellow South African was forced to abandon his yacht, which was leading, after hitting a chunk of ice, has suggested a limit of 58 or 59 south.

"It is crazy to go further south than that. One skipper [the Hungarian, Nandor Fa] went down as far as 65 south and had to tack round a 30-mile-long iceberg. If he'd got himself into trouble, one of us would have had to have gone down and got him and that would have put two boats at risk. There is still ice at 59 south, but the chance of us hitting it is reduced to around ten per cent," he said.

This third BOC solo circumnavigation has developed into a two-horse race between Alain Gautier and Christophe Auguin, the Frenchmen. Gautier holds a slender 22-hour lead over his compatriot, leaving Mike Plant, of the United States, and Philippe Jeantot, a former BOC winner, to *fight it out for third, a* further four-and-a-half days astern.

Josh Hall, of Britain, is fighting to retain a two-hour advantage over Jack Boye, his fourth-placed rival, in Class 2, but Robin Davie, from Cornwall, has a comfortable 13-day margin over Minoru Saito, from Japan, who is in third place in the Corinthian Class. The leaders are expected to reach Newport at the end of April.

LEADING POSITIONS (after three legs): Class 1: 1, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 98 days, 10hr 59min; 2, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), 97:09:25; 3, Duracell (M Plant, US), 105: 19:12; 4, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr), 102:23:16; 5, Jarlcet (K Birtles, Aus), 106: 09:04; 6, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 107: 02:12; 7, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr), 108:01:44; 8, Grinaker (B Reed, SA), 109:11:04; 9, BSV Expo 92 (J Ugarte, Sp), 110:02:11; 10, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 152:22:30. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 110:19:18; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 120:00:56; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 122:08:44; 4, Project City Kids (J Boys, US), 123:10:31. Corinthian Class: 1, Volcano (P Thackeberry, US), 137:09:26; 2, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 141:22:27; 3, Shutandoh (M Saito, Japan), 154:23:09.

HOCKEY

A notable victory has its price for Havant

From SYDNEY FRISKIN
IN TERRASSA, SPAIN

Havant 3
AS Roma 0

HAVANT emerged from their first appearance in the European Cup Winners' Cup with a measure of comfort here yesterday after defeating AS Roma, but it was a victory secured at some cost.

David Faulkner, the captain, needed four stitches to mend a cut on his right hand while Sean Rowlands, the goalkeeper, fell heavily early in the second half and dislocated his left shoulder but resumed after receiving attention.

The Italians, unable to match Havant for class and skill, resorted to spoiling tactics which led to frequent infringements and a total of six short corners to Havant, whose goals came from Avery and Roberts, before half-time, and a splendid solo effort from Garcia in the 57th minute, after he had worked his way through a packed defence.

Roberts converted a short corner for the second goal and it was in the taking of this award that Faulkner suffered his hand injury, inadvertently inflicted by Roberts himself.

HAVANT: S Rowlands; D Roberts, D Faulkner (sub: A Cave), R Hill, P Nall (sub: D Curtis), S Lawson, M Coleman, R Garcia, D Williams, C Cooper, S Avery.
AS ROMA: G Moscioni; M Grossman, M Savianesa (sub: C Battaglia), M Nicoletti, A Angiana, P Zottowsky, E Da Gai, R Da Gai, P De Bartoli, F Dal Buono, L Bracciarol (sub: S Roberto).
Umpires: P van Benedin (Belgium) and F van't Hek (Netherlands).
RESULTS: Pool A: Havant 3, AS Roma 0; Egara Terrassa (Spain) 4, Arvoca (Ireland) 2. Pool B: Kampong (Netherlands) 2, Lille (France) 0; Rot-Weiss Cologne 3, Dundee Wanderers 0.

☐ Sutton Coldfield, England's representatives in the first women's Cup Winners' Cup at Amiens, France, beat Zurich Grasshoppers 13-0 in their opening match

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Monarchs aim to put Knights to the sword

By RICHARD WETHERELL

WEMBLEY greets the World League of American Football (WLAF) tomorrow as the London Monarchs play the New York-New Jersey Knights. Already the game has developed a "must win" feel, as the Knights do not want to return home from their two-game European trip without a win and the Monarchs will want to triumph in their first home game.

Neither side has announced who its starting quarterback will be. Judging by the number of snaps he took at practice, Jeff Graham, who completed 14 out of 20 passes against Barcelona Dragons on Sunday, is the favourite for the Knights.

For his part, Larry Kennan, the Monarchs' head coach, decided last night whether John *Witkowski or Stan Gelbaugh* would be on the field first. He will tell them this morning.

Whoever dons the helmet with the radio link to Kennan, there is no likelihood of bad feeling developing between the two quarterbacks. Witkowsky and Gelbaugh and their wives share a house near the Monarchs' headquarters at Bushey.

The Knights use a run-and-shoot offense which was the trademark of Darrel Davis, the head coach, through his career in college and in the National Football League with the Detroit Lions. This offense uses four wide receivers all of the time and is designed to stretch the defense.

Kennan's offense is based on run-and-shoot — he admits he stole it from Davis — but he prefers variety in his line-up. The teams' running games are *entirely different, however.* The Knights rely on finesse while the Monarchs' is a power game.

SQUASH RACKETS

Two men who scorn weak spots in draw

THE arrival of Simon Parke and Peter Marshall in the quarter-finals of the Scottish Open championship in Glasgow was all the more exciting because, although there were weaknesses in the draw of the biggest tournament mounted north of *the border, these outstanding* English teenagers had no need of them (Colin McQuillan writes).

Parke removed Rodney Eyles and Rodney Martin, of Australia, to meet Anthony Hill, another Australian, in the quarter-final. Marshall, who heads the English rankings, beat the world No. 8, Mir Zaman Gul, and the England captain, Bryan Beeson, to reach a quarter-final

RESULTS: Second round: C Ditmer (Aus) bt P Whitlock (Eng) 15-9, 14-15, 15-0, 9-15, 15-8; P Marshall (Eng) bt B Beeson (Eng) 15-9, 15-8, 15-7; S Parke (Eng) bt R Martin (Aus) 15-13, 8-15, 17-15, 15-11; A Hill (Aus) bt G Wake (Can) 15-11, 15-8, 15-9; M Maclean (Scot) bt D Meddings (Eng) 12-15, 15-8, 15-11, 15-10; B Martin (Aus) bt D Harris (Eng) 11-15, 15-7, 15-10, 15-11; R Norman (NZ) bt G Wilson (NZ) 15-12, 17-14, 8-15, 15-8; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt A Davies (Wales) 15-11, 15-8, 15-6.

MOTOR RALLYING

Dakar challenge takes detour to Cape Town

PARIS (AFP) — The Paris to Dakar rally, after 13 years of heading for the Senegalese capital, will finish in Cape Town in 1992, the organisers announced here yesterday.

The rally will be called *Dakar 92 — Paris-Cape Town* and will cover 12,000 kilometres (7,450 miles), starting on December 28 and ending on about January 20 next year, Gilbert Sabine, an official, said.

"We noticed a certain weariness in the Dakar caravan because the itinerary had become too repetitive," he said. "We could not avoid towns such as Agadez, Bamako or Gao."

The new route passes through Libya, Chad, Central African Republic, Zaire, Zambia, Namibia and South Africa. Agreements stil have to be reached with Zambia and Namibia.

The decision to go to Cape Town represents another breakthrough for South African sport in the week that the International Olympic Committee prepared to welcome back the country after more than 20 years of isolation.

☐ NAIROBI: Carlos Sainz, the world champion from Spain, increased his lead *from one to* 14 minutes on the third day of the Safari rally as the race moved into the rougher terrain of the Rift Valley (Reuter reports).

Sainz, driving a Toyota Celica, led with accumulated time penalties of 44min 08sec when the race halted for the night at Nakaru. Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, moved up to second place with 58min 10sec.

Bjorn Waldegaard, the Safari rally veteran who was in second place, one minute behind Sainz at the start of the stage, slipped back into fifth after overturning his Toyota, which was put back on the road by spectators.

GOLF

Woosnam displays new character in facing adversity

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, PONTE VEDRA, FLORIDA

IAN Woosnam scored an impressive 69 in the second round of The Players' Championship here yesterday. The Welshman, who won in New Orleans on Sunday, defied the blustery conditions on the Tournament Players' Course with a performance that smacked of character.

He did not drop a shot and, with a score of 141, he is in serious contention, even though the American, Paul Azinger, established the early halfway lead with a 68 for a total of 135, nine under par.

Nick Faldo had a second successive 72. He was a touch disappointed with his inconsistency on the greens. He seemed so preoccupied with trying to figure out what was wrong with his putting that on the second hole — his 11th as he had started from the 10th — he forgot to hole out.

"It happened to me once before," Faldo said. "This time I had marked my ball six inches from the hole and I was on the point of leaving the green when Lenny Wadkins called me back to hole out."

Woosnam and Faldo were out early in the hazy sunshine. Their immediate concern was to survive the halfway cut. Faldo has played in this event six times since 1982 but he had not made the cut since 1984. On his only previous appearance, Woosnam departed prematurely in 1988 after rounds of 74 and 79.

The Woosnam of today is a different player. There was a time in the United States when he would lose his composure and urgency to fight. Now he sees at all times the benefit of challenging adversity. He did so again despite the fact that he was feeling less than ready.

"I think winning last week, and all that goes on with it, took more out of me than I bargained for," he said. "I wasn't feeling too good but I was determined. It was tough out there but I only missed a couple of greens. I stood up to the ball a little more when putting, which seemed to help, and my confidence came back on the greens.

"I am looking forward to a rest next week before the Masters. I am going fishing and scuba diving with Greg Norman, but before that I am looking forward to playing well this weekend."

Woosnam began, like Faldo, from the 10th hole. He was buried so deep in a bunker at the 11th that it would have needed two Ian Woosnams to peer over the top. But he extracted the ball from the sand, saved his par and went on to complete the nine holes in 35, with a birdie at the 16th.

It was a delightful birdie, too. He played an improvised shot from 80 yards with an eight-iron under a tree which left the ball eight feet from the hole. Woosnam scrambled well when necessary but he fully deserved the birdies which came his way from 10 feet at the first and from 13 feet at the fourth.

Sandy Lyle looked certain to miss the cut after a 75 for a score of 147.

EARLY LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 138: P Azinger 67, 68. 139: F Zoeller 68, 69; S Ebdington (Aus) 68, 70. 140: I Baker-Finch (Aus) 68, 69. 141: W Wood 71, 69; B Crenshaw 70, 69; K Triplett 68, 73; B Lohr 68, 71; B Mackenzie 67, 72. 142: S Ballesteros 69, 71. 141: E Dougherty 71, 70; B Gardner 70, 71; P Parsons 66, 76; J Woosnam (GB) 72, 69; S Jones 71, 70. 143: J Delsing 71, 71; R Wrenn 70, 73; B Mudkins 69, 74; J D Blake 67, 76; M McCumber 70, 73; S Gleason 72, 71; S Simpson 68, 74; H Irwin 69, 74. 143: N Price (Zim) 69, 74; R Stewart 70, 73; R Mediate 69, 74; J Sindelar 68, 75; J Huston 72, 71. 144: K Cresswell 72, 72; B Wolcott 69, 75; J Rocca 72, 72; M Hayes 71, 73; K Perry 74, 70; D Edwards 71, 73; D Peoples 71, 73; R Cochran 66, 78; C Parry (Aus) 70, 74; A North 72, 72; S Utley 73, 71; N Faldo (GB) 72, 72. Other scores included: 146: L Wadkins 70, 76; G Norman (Aus) 73, 70. 147: A Lyle (GB) 72, 75.

Richardson brought back down to earth

FLORENCE — Steve Richardson, who won two of the first five tournaments and comfortably heads the European Order of Merit, failed to qualify in the Volvo Florence Open as two Swedish, Mats Lanner and Vilhelm Forsbrand, took up the running at Ugolino yesterday.

Richardson, missed out by one stroke with his two-round total of 147. "I am disappointed to have missed the cut but I do need a rest," he said.

His disappointing performance was mainly due to an eight at the long 15th where he skied the ball barely 100 yards and out of bounds. "I just don't know what happened," Richardson said.

The two Swedes are a stroke ahead of the Scot, Adam Hunter, whose round of 67 included nine birdies, more than he has ever had before in a European Tour event.

Lanner had the day's low round of 65 in cold and blustery conditions to lead a tournament for the first time in 18 months. He holed his fair share of putts to collect six birdies and an eagle three, at the 18th.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 135: M Lanner (Swe) 70, 65; V Forsbrand (Swe), 67, 68. 136: A Hunter, 69, 67. 137: S Torrance, 69, 68; B Lane, 68, 69. 138: P Leonard (Aus), 68 70; P Curry, 67, 71; M Martin (Sp), 69, 69; P Broadhurst, 68, 70. 139: R Claydon, 67, 72; P Smith, 69, 70. 140: P Golding, 71, 69; A Bossert (Switz), 65, 75; D R Jones, 74, 66; J McHarry, 69, 71; J Rystrom (Swe), 72, 68. 141: G Brand Jr, 69, 72; A Oldcorn 72, 69. 142: E Darcell (Fr), 72, 70; P Mundy, 70, 72; R Drummond, 74, 68; D Clarke, 74, 68; P Carman, 70, 72; K Brown, 70, 72; A Caraveos (Sp), 70, 72. 143: M Mannell (It), 72, 71; D J Russell, 72, 71; R Lee, 74, 69; A Stought (It), 75, 68; M Roe, 70, 73; S Luna (Sp), 72, 71; A Forsbrand (Swe), 71, 72; G Call (It), 73, 70; W Grant, 72, 71; G Day (US), 71, 72; G Krause, 67, 76; J Rutledge (Can), 69, 75; S McAllister, 70, 73.

Davies makes most of late putting rally

RANCHO MIRAGE, California — Amy Alcott, the winner of four major championships, was the familiar name leading the Nabisco Dinah Shore after a first round of 67, five under par, at Mission Hills Country Club here (Patricia Davies writes).

The Californian was one of the later starters in the second round yesterday, but just off the leader board, Laura Davies, moved to level par after two holes.

Still using her two-iron off the tee, she made the most of a belated first-round putting rally. She had birdies at three of her last six to finish her first round with a level-par 72.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 67: A Alcott. 68: Oh-Hee Ku (S Kor). 70: P Bradley, L Merten, L Baugh, T Barrett, D Mochrie, V Fergon, M Mallon. 71: L Neumann (Swe), D Eggeling, J Geddes, J Dickinson, V Goetze, M Nause, M Will, P Sheehan, S Furlong, C Rarick. 72: E Xing, L Davies (GB).

St Helens will start as underdogs in rugby league Challenge Cup semi-final



Firm hold: Jon Sharp, of Hull, is stopped in his tracks by two enveloping tackles

Bitter memories add incentive for Widnes trio

By KEITH MACKLIN

DOUG Laughton, Richard Eyres and Kurt Sorensen will go into this afternoon's second semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup driven by determination and desperation. All three Widnes men have bitter memories to wipe out as they seek revenge over St Helens for events in a Challenge Cup semi-final between the clubs two years ago.

Laughton still seethes about that match, which took St Helens to Wembley to suffer a humiliating defeat against Wigan. He claims that Widnes would have gone to Wembley had it not been for the sending off, in the thirtieth minute, of the Widnes back-row forward, Eyres, for tripping. Eyres himself has always claimed that his alleged trip on Neil Holding was a reflex action rather than a deliberate foul.

Sorensen, the New Zealand international, is also seeking an appearance at Wembley that would crown his career.

St Helens, however, have their own extra incentive. The 27-0 humbling they received from Wigan in the final two years ago was a devastating blow to the club, and Wigan are already through to this season's final on April 27, giving the possibility of a rematch.

Widnes will go into the game at Central Park, Wigan, without two key players. The full back, Alan Tait, has a fractured cheekbone, and the stand-off half, Tony Myler, has not been able to shake off groin and pelvic injuries. Stuart Spruce comes in at full back with Jonathan Davies at centre and the Hulme brothers at half back.

St Helens enter the match as underdogs, just as they did two years ago when Les Quirk's late winning try finally broke the resistance of 12-man Widnes. They will be without their young full back, Gary Connolly, but have potential match-winners in their own Welshman, Jonathan Griffiths, Shane Cooper and George Mann, of New Zealand, and the centre, Paul Loughlin.

Sharp strikes twice to keep Hull hopes alive

TWO superb first-half tries from Jon Sharp kept Hull's championship hopes alive as they gained revenge for an early season defeat by Hull Kingston Rovers.

Hull, who are virtually assured of finishing in the first four of the premiership, took Rovers by storm, with Sharp and their captain, Greig Mckey, in dazzling form in a 28-16 victory.

Damian McGarry struck twice after the interval to give Hull an invincible lead. Hull Kingston Rovers, who still need a win to be assured of playing first-division football next season, battled hard and twice narrowed the gap, through tries by Des Harrison and Graeme Hallas before Paul Eastwood romped in for Hull's fifth touchdown.

Steve Kerry kicked his 150th goal of the season to leave Salford needing only one point from their derby game at Swinton on Monday to clinch the second-division title.

Salford struggled to overcome Leigh, who led 11-8 until midway through the second half, thanks to an outstanding performance from Paul Topping, the Leigh full-back. But Salford, who had taken the lead with a Frank Cassidy try, fought back to win 18-11 with tries from Martin Birkett and Hadley.

BASKETBALL

Tigers fear dour, defensive battle with Giants

By NICHOLAS HARLING

SUNDERLAND and Leicester have secured their places and Kingston almost have, but it is anyone's guess who will fill the last place in the Carlsberg Championship play-offs next month.

It is between Thames Valley Tigers and Manchester Giants, who were separated by one point last Saturday and again on Wednesday. The margin may be just as close at Bracknell tonight, when the teams meet for the fifth time in 17 days.

Only the shooting of Anthony Jenkins saved Tigers on Wednesday when they were four points adrift with 38 seconds left. "We both know each other so well by now that this last match could be a dour, defensive battle," David Titmuss, Tigers' coach, said.

Although Leicester and Sunderland secured their places at the NEC in Birmingham on April 12, both won their home legs by only four points, Sunderland after being taken to overtime by Worthing on Thursday. Trailing by 12 points soon after half-time, Sunderland triumphed 123-119.

"The fact that we managed it without our two main rebounders [Paterson and Vaughan] says much for our performance," Dave Elderkin, the Sunderland coach, said. He was indebted to 39 points apiece from Saunders, Bucknall and Scantlebury.

Assuming that Kingston do not slip up for the second time in a fortnight at Hemel Hempstead, the line-up for the play-offs should be confirmed by this evening. The end of the champions' European Cup venture came in Barcelona on Wednesday but Kevin Cadle, the Kingston coach, was far from depressed after his side had lost by 76-82.

That may be bad news for Hemel, who were able to capitalise on Kingston's exhaustion after a previous European excursion when they sprang the surprise result of the season two weeks ago. Significantly, Kingston will have had 48 hours extra to recover this time.

SWIMMING

Page and pool in limelight

By CRAIG LORD

SHARON Page and the superb Ponds Forge pool in Sheffield shared their first Commonwealth record at the World cup yesterday. The record, of 1min 01.77sec in the 100 metres backstroke, was as fitting a reward for Page, of Mercury Wigan Wasps, as it was for the £52 million sports complex which is the toast of world swimming.

Only Dagmar Hase, of Germany, who was the runner-up at the world championships in January, tainted Page's finest performance. The former East German stormed away at the start and held a lead of almost two metres over Page at the half-way mark. The Briton, however, proved that the newly-allowed semi-freestyle flip turn is not the only reason for her tremendous progression this winter: she gained on the German with every stroke down the last 25-metre length, but had to settle for silver by just a 0.10sec.

Her effort reduced the two-year-old record of Anne-Marie Anderson, of Canada, by 0.26sec. Page is now ranked second in the world this year at the 100 metres, behind Hase.

Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic champion at 100 metres breaststroke, claimed he had found "new life" after returning from his world championship defeat. The Leeds swimmer proved as much last night with a comfortable victory in a very fast 1min 00.37sec.

Professionals set records

TWO professionals, Ian Cammish and Jon Walshaw, helped the Easter cycling programme off to a record-breaking start. Cammish clipped over a minute off the course and event record with a time of 54min 42sec in Basildon CC's 25-mile time-trial on a course in Essex.

Walshaw led a clean sweep for his club, Solihull CC, in Wyre Forest CRC's hilly event over a 26.5-mile course.

MOTOR RACING: Paul Warwick recorded the first international win of his career in the British Formula 3000 Trophy race at Oulton Park yesterday.

OLYMPIC GAMES: Willi Daume, aged 77, chairman of the German national Olympic committee, has said he may soon resign as a representative to the International Olympic Committee.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Second division

OLDHAM (0) 1 WEST HAM (0) 1
Ritchie 87 (pen) *Bishop 59 (pen)*
16,932

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Welling 1, Wycombe Wanderers 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: South Liverpool 2, Hyde 3.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Wivenhoe 2, Windsor and Eton 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2, Barnstaple 1; Chippenham 2, Radstock 0; Dawlish 2, Exmouth 2; Mangotsfield 2, Bristol Manor Farm 0; Odeon St Mary 0, Thanton 0; Plymouth Argyle 0, Torrington 1; Saltash 4, Liskeard 2; Welton Rovers 1, Preston Rovers 3.

BOWLS

SCARBOROUGH: All England mixed pairs indoor championships: Group one: City and County of Oxford (K Hewes and H Wells) bt Huddersfield (A Malcher and A Horobin), 17-13; Desborough, Maidenhead (M Price and B Long) bt Pickeiss Lodi (S and F Hurst), 18-12; Bishop Auckland, Darlington (M and T Bousfield) bt Dartford Stone Lodge (J Tester and M Bridd), 22-9; Preston, Brighton (D Whittingham and G Holly) bt Wymondham Dell (J Newby and T Overton), 13-13. Group three: West Cornwall (M Matthews and T Warren) bt Bath Bridlington Court (M Barsley and D Chatwin), 14-14; Pardiswell (L and M Sandoe) bt Western St Andrews (F Hamill and J McVicar), 18-8. Group four: Beccles (G Smith and R Norman) bt Colchester (M and D Mann), 22-10; Lincoln (J Hall and D Johnson) bt Ecclesall (A McCaskbridge and K Tythcott), 14-8. Group five: Peterborough (C Aston and S Poppie) bt Wey Valley (A Taylor and N Carroll), 12-8; Cambridge Park (F Saunders and G Lillie) tied with Emsworth (S Bell and T Dolph), 15-15. Group six: Wellingborough (M Johnson and T Holmes) bt Sunderland (J Moran and N Routledge), 17-9; Charnwood (D Worster and J Cargill) bt Victory, Portsmouth (D Southwood and R Ward), 15-14. Group seven: Alnwick (E Hicks and N Shotton) bt Tilbury (D and J Watson), 18-12; Riverain (P Bamside and A Hemmings) bt Rushden (P and T James), 15-8. Group eight: Gateshead (P Mather and D Scott) bt Bishops (K and J Jones), 15-12; Angel, Tonbridge (J Walker and K Rhebarone) bt Carlisle Miller (J Tugwell and S Rasington), 16-11.

BOXING

SPOKANE, Washington: United States v Soviet Union amateur match: Welterweight (all on points): Light-flyweights: N Manchini, (USSR). Fly: T Austin, (US). Bantam: L Odom, (US). Feather: I Robinson, (US). Light: O de la Hoya, (US). Light-welter: V Fomest, (US). Welter: V Ereschenko, (USSR). Light-middle: I Akopkopkidian, (USSR). Middle: A Kalsanidze, (USSR). Light-heavy: R Zaulichny, (USSR). Heavy: E Sudakov, (USSR). Super-heavy: E Belousov, (USSR). Match score: United States 6, Soviet Union 7.

GOLF

SHIDO, Japan: KBB open tournament: Leaders after two rounds (all Japan): 132: N Sehizawa, 66, 66. 136: M Kitazaki, 69, 67; N Sugai, 68, 67. 139: T Sugihara, 64, 72. 137: T Ueda, 70, 67. 138: H Heldeo, 70, 68. Leading British: 142: P Head, 68, 72.

BANGKOK: Thailand open championship: Leaders after two rounds: 133: T Maloney (Aus), 66, 67. 134: B Ramsgill (Tha), 66, 68. 135: M Aoki (JUS), 64, 71. 137: C Chitpasong (Thai), 65, 72; S Mcmanus (Thai), 67, 70.

KUMAMOTO, Japan: Fuji Electric seniors tournament: First round: 67: M Barber (US). 68: I Sato (Japan), H Sugimoto (Japan), L Trevino (US). 69: G Archer (US), T Kono (Japan).

MOTOR RALLYING

SAFARI RALLY: Leaders after three stages: 1, C Sainz (Sp), Toyota Celica, 44min 06sec penalties; 2, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Delta, 58:10; 3, J Recalde (Arg), Lancia Delta, 58:13; 4, M Ericsson (Swe), Toyoye Celica, 1hr 09min 34sec.

SKIING

STOWE, Vermont: North American championship series: Giant slalom: 1, R Stoppenhall (S), 2min 16.74secs; 2, A Feutrier (Fr), 2:17.19; 3, R Pramotton (It), 2:17.28. Overall leader: J Nobis (US).

SPEEDWAY

GOLD CUP: First division: King's Lynn 54, Ipswich 36.

THAMES VALLEY TROPHY: Oxford 48, Swindon 42.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Houston Rockets 112, Atlanta Hawks 111; Charlotte Hornets 94, Philadelphia 76ers 80; Cleveland Cavaliers 102, Washington Bullets 95; Miami Heat 90, Boston Celtics 88; Chicago Bulls 128, New Jersey Nets 94; Golden State Warriors 108, New York Knicks 104; San Antonio Spurs 119, Orlando Magic 95; Phoenix Suns 102, Milwaukee Bucks 88; Sacramento Kings 116, Utah Jazz 98.

EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Quarter-final: group: Maccabi Tel Aviv 85, Bayer Leverkusen 83; Pop 84 Split 99, Limoges 86; Scavolini Pesaro 89, Aris Salonika 88. Final positions: 1, Barcelona, 26pts; 2, Split, 25; 3, Scavolini Pesaro, 22; 4, Maccabi Tel Aviv, 22; 5, Aris Salonika, 21; 6, Bayer Leverkusen, 20; 7, Kingston, 16; 8, Limoges, 17. Top four play in semi-finals and finals in Paris, April 16 to 18.

KORAC CUP: Final, second leg: Caritu (It) 85, Real Madrid 93 (agg: 188-184).

ROSCHETTI CUP: Final, second leg: Cosmo 69, Gemasz Cucio Milan 68 (agg: 145-152).

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division play-off: Second leg: Sunderland Saints 123 (Saunders 36, Bucknall 39, P Scantlebury 39), Worthing Bears 119 (Heron 32, Ogorek 20, Scott 17, Hobbard 17). Sunderland win series, 2-0.

CURLING

WINNIPEG, Canada: World championships: Round-robin stage: Men: Canada 8, Switzerland 7. Leading positions: 1, Canada, 6 wins; equal 2, Norway and Scotland, 5; 4, United States 5. Women: Scotland 6, Canada 3. Leading positions: equal 1, Canada and Norway, 7 wins; 3, Sweden, 6; equal 4, Germany and Scotland, 5.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 4, Quebec Nordiques 4; Washington Capitals 3, Philadelphia Flyers 0; St Louis Blues 3, New York Islanders 0; Chicago Blackhawks 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Calgary Flames 4, Edmonton Oilers 4; Los Angeles Kings 6, Minnesota North Stars 5; Vancouver Canucks 8, Winnipeg Jets 2.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: British public schools championships: Semi-finals: Clifton (M Whadcock and J Crane) bt Tonbridge (G Constant and P Le Marchand), 18-13, 15-4, 15-5, 15-3; Eton (A Smith-Bingham and J Larking) bt Harrow (S Guillebaud and C Darby), 15-5, 15-2, 15-9, 15-12. Second pairs: Cheltenham (C Hill and A De Cadenet) bt Haileybury (T Schreiber and T Faulkner), 15-5, 8-15, 15-12, 15-6, 15-9.

RUGBY FIVES

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL, Barnes: National schools championships: Open singles: Semi-finals: J Holmes (Clifton) bt S Hertwright (Blundell's), 11-4, 11-5; H Ackerman (Blundell's) bt C Marsh (Merchant Taylors'), 11-7, 13-10. Final: Holmes bt Ackerman, 11-8, 11-8. Colts singles: Semi-finals: S Rees (Clifton) bt G Lawrence (St Dunstan's), 11-0, 11-1; E Hickey (St Paul's) bt D Chopra (Merchant Taylors'), 11-8, 11-8. Final: Rees bt Hickey, 11-1, 11-0. Open doubles: Semi-finals: Clifton bt Blundell's II, 11-4, 11-2; Lonsdo bt Blundell's I, 11-7, 11-4. Final: Lonsdo bt Clifton, 11-6, 11-2. Colts doubles: Semi-finals: Clifton bt St Dunstan's II, 11-4, 11-4; St Dunstan's I bt Merchant Taylors', 11-2, 4-11, 11-2. Final: St Dunstan's bt Clifton, 4-11, 11-8, 11-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull 28, Hull KR 18; Rochdale 12, Oldham 30. Second division: Barrow 34, Nottingham City 6; Fulham 28, Chorley 9; Salford 18, Leigh 11.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Rothmans world championship: Third qualifying round (England unless stated): N Bond bt B Oliver, 10-2; J Prince (N Ire) bt C Roscoe (Wales), 10-9; C Edwards bt G Scott, 10-3; K Doherty (Eire) bt R Williams, 10-4; P Browne (Eire) bt K Owers, 10-8. Fourth qualifying round: R Marshall bt M Johnson-Allen, 10-8; W King (Aust) bt R Lawler, 10-7; L Dodd bt M Price, 10-7.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World group: Quarter-finals: France lead Israel, 1-0; Yugoslavia lead Czechoslovakia, 1-0. Asia/Oceania zone: First round: Philippines lead Japan, 2-0; India lead Indonesia, 2-0.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: United States women's hard-court championship: Second round: E de Lone (US) bt R Zrubakova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; S Sloane (US) bt A Henricsson (US), 6-3, 6-1; M Seles (Yug) bt G Porwick (Ger), 6-1, 6-4.

CYCLING

LAKES THREE-DAY ROAD RACE: First stage (80 miles): 1, C Boardman (Manchester), 3hr 17min 50sec; 2, R Smart (Nottingham), at 2min 36sec; 3, I Kay (Lakeland and Lancs), same time.

HOCKEY

Easter festivals

TORRAY: Evanders 1, Spirochaetes 1; Bluebottles 5, Pagodians 0; Avengers 5, Blenkers 2; Millers 0, Bullies 2; Old Gobblers 1, White Lions 0; Exiles 4, Dragons 0; Wolves 1, Sevenoaks 2; Sleepers 0, Falcons 4; Clevelliers 0, Parrots 0; Stags 1, Turkeys 1; Oddfellows 1, Pink Elephants 2; Heroes 1, Greene Kings 0; 71st Lancets 1, Rotterdam 0; Ravens 4, Barnabites 3; Tornadoes 2, Imps 1; Bermudamans 3, Chelsfolks 1; Middlesex 1, Dolphins 0; Essboars 4, Flying Swallows 4; Blackburn 1, Exiles 2; Parrots 1, Dragons 2; Turkeys 0, Millers 6; Oddfellows 4, Rotterdam 2; Avengers 1, Stags 1; Wolves 3, White Lions 0; Barnacamans 0, Bluebottles 2; Chelltans 0, Sevenoakers 4.

PENZANCE, Wessex: Chudleigh 0, Moga 4; Allacrts 2, Meldon 4; West Brom 0, Exmouth 1; Old Phalopians 1, Hillbillies 1; Merton Mules 3, Ton Turbie 0; Tarts 2, Vets 4; Clapperhaun 1, Betty Boops 3; Leyland 0, Leicester 1; Disbury Greys 3, Pale Fillies 0; Morgannows 1, Kelvin 1; Pickwick 2, Lytchett Loons 0; Taunton Vale 2, Exeter 2; Crumpet 4, Miss Demeanours 2; Landseerians 0, Warminster 1; Studentes 5, Been There Done That 0; Ardies Aldies 2, Ginger Jeans 1.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Huntingdonshire and Peterborough 4, East Northamptonshire 8; Northampton Alliance 21, Bedfordshire 12.

CLUB MATCHES: Vale of Lune 10, Northern 8; Sale 30, Preston Grasshoppers 4; Penarth 22, Pontio School Wanderers 85; Warrington 27, Tyldesley 18; Bath OE 3, Saracens 8; Swansea 25, Glamorgan Wanderers 0; Redruth 21, St Mary's Hospital 17; St Agnes 19, RAF Portreath 13; St Day 7, Redruth Albany 13; Veor 13, Stithians 19; Weymouth 13, Eton Manor 6; Weymouth United 0, Luson 50.

TOUR MATCH: Bembridge School (Vancouver) 5, Glenalmond School 8.

OTHER MATCH: North Midlands Schools 42, North Midlands Colts 4.

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: World Cup meeting: Thursday: 1,500m freestyle: 1, Wilson (Borough of Sunderland), 15min 12.81sec. Women: 800m freestyle: 1, D Jones (Chester), 8:44.70 (Welsh record); 2, K Mellor (City of Sheffield), 8:45.94. Yesterday: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, V Pyatkin (USSR), 22.22secs; 2, R Pulsen (Ger), 22.40; 3, N Rudolph (Ger), 22.45. 200m freestyles: 1, U Dassler (Ger), 1min 47.61secs; 2, C Bassner (Ger), 1:48.84; 7, G Sutcliffe (Harrow and Wealdstone), 1:51.58. 50m backstrokes: 1, A O'Connor (Can), 28.54secs; 2, N Shtkringhem (City of Sheffield), 28.72. 200m backstrokes: M Tewksbury (Can), 1min 58.22sec. 100m butterfly: 1, D Gutzeit (Fr), 59.56secs; 4, T Jones (City of Birmingham), 1:04.70. 100m breaststroke: A Moorhouse (City of Leeds), 1min 00.37sec. 100m individual medley: 1, D Ward (Can), 58.73secs; 2, A Savitski (USSR), 59.97; 5, Moorhouse, 59.18. Women: 100m freestyles: 1, A Nugent (Can), 55.92; 2, E Ermakova (USSR), 55.97; 3, J Cook (City of Birmingham), 56.06. 400m freestyles: 1, D Jones (City of Chester), 4min 14.61sec (Welsh record); 2, C Horton (Borough of Southend), 4:14.96. 50m backstrokes: 1, D Hase (Ger), 1:01.68; 2, S Page (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 1:01.77 (Commonwealth record). 50m breaststrokes: 1, P Herzeg (Ger), 31.75secs; 2, L Coombes (City of Southampton), 32.17. 200m breaststrokes: 1, M Della Valle (It), 2min 26.50secs; 5, J Hill (Cumbernauld), 2:33.12. 50m butterfly: 1, Nugent, 27.92secs; 2, N Kennedy (Nova Centurion), 28.82. 200m butterflys: 1, K Jilke (Ger), 2min 12.94secs; 2, S Miller (Ger), 2:13.74; 3, H Slater (Warriors of Warrington), 2:18.01. 200m individual medley: 1, D Shmelova (USSR), 2:14.64; 2, Z Long (Beckenham), 2:15.82.

YACHTING

ANZIO, Italy: Laser Europe Cup: Second race: 1, M Hestbaek (Den); 2, P Nicita (Ger); 3, E Papatsmaidon (Gr); 4, K Latmo (Ger); 5, T Powell (GB). Other British positions: 13, B Hudson; 14, S Bones Cole; 39, J Lasenby. Third race: 1, Hestbaek; 2, E Tomasevic (Yug); 3, R Stenhouse (GB); 4, Powell; 5, T Pelli (Swe). Other British positions: 8, Hudson; 25, S Dodds; 28, Lasenby. Fifth race: 1, L Puzzu; 2, D Theodoraidis (Gr); 3, A Nemeny (Hu); 4, J Hamyzsun (Swe); 5, Powell. Other British positions: 11, Stenhouse; 12, Bones Cole; 15, Hudson. Leaders after four races: 1, Hestbaek, 8.5pts; 2, Pelli, 12; 3, Powell, 13. Other British positions: 10, Stenhouse, 24; 11, Hudson, 25; 13, Bones Cole, 51; 15, G Newton, 59; 25, Lasenby, 73.

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SUMMARY



Tide of history

RUPERT Obholzer, above, the president of the Oxford University Boat Club, is heavily favoured to lead his crew to victory against Cambridge this afternoon in the 137th Boat Race.

If Oxford win, they will extend a run of success which has brought 15 wins in the last 16 years but Richard Staite, the Cambridge president, is not without hope. Oxford are conceding 9lbs a man, and no winning team since 1946 has given away so much weight .....Page 33

GOLF

Off course

THE leading Europeans made little impression as The Players Championship began in Ponte Vedra, Florida. Bernard Langer was the best of the bunch with a 70, while Nick Faldo, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam, all finished the opening round on 72. Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, reports .....Page 37

SWIMMING



Page turner

SHARON Page, of Wigan Wasps, broke the Commonwealth record for the 100 metres backstroke in the World Cup event at Sheffield yesterday but she was beaten by Dagmar Hase, of Germany. Page thus became the first British woman to break the 1min 2sec barrierPage 37

SPORTS POLITICS

Money talk

WHAT the government described in the Budget as a £60 million boost for sport is nothing of the sort, argues Tom Pendry, chairman of the Labour Party's sports committee.....Page 36

FOOTBALL



First choice

MARK Hughes, of Manchester United and Wales, last week became the first man to win the Professional Footballers' Association player of the year award for a second time. Clive White wonders whether the public would have made the same choice.....Page 36

RACING

Crystal clear

IAN Balding, the Kingsclere trainer, is putting the finishing touches today to the preparation of his talented hurdler Crystal Spirit, a fancied contender for the Mumm Prize Novices' Hurdle on Grand National day at Aintree next Saturday. Crystal Spirit, owned by Paul Mellon, gave Balding a Cheltenham festival success with his first runner at the meeting.....Page 34

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Maradona fails second drugs test

From ANDREW McEWAN
IN MILAN

DIEGO Maradona, the world's greatest football player, yesterday faced disqualification after a doping test showed traces of cocaine in his urine. An analysis carried out yesterday confirmed an initial finding made when Maradona was tested after a game between Naples and Bari on March 17.

Under Italian rules, the Argentine-born centre forward, who has captained Naples for seven years, is suspended automatically pending a decision by a disciplinary committee which is to meet next week. He risks a suspension of between six months and two years, but his career in Italy may well be over.

The findings, following tests carried out in the presence of experts representing the player, at the laboratories in Acqua Acetosa, could also lead to a criminal investigation, as cocaine use is an offence. However, Maradona was already under investigation following separate allegations of receiving, using and transferring cocaine.

Whatever the outcome of the investigating magistrate's research, he is unlikely to be able to play for Naples again after his suspension. Nor it is likely he would wish to do so. He has made it clear for more than a year that he is unhappy.

In seven stormy years, Maradona, aged 30, has established a love-hate relationship with his host country. When he arrived in 1984, he said: "Naples loves me, and I am in love with the Neapolitans. I would give my life for this society which has done so much to take me as a player."

He single-handedly lifted Naples football club from obscurity, turning it into a top-class team which twice won the Italian first division.

His turbulent lifestyle put him at odds with the press and later with the law.

Maradona came under suspicion after a police investigation into a Naples gang running drugs from France and operating a local prostitution ring. A 500-page transcript of police recordings of phone calls made by the mistress included Maradona. In one of them, he expressed a request for "the stuff". He is understood to have been asked, during questioning by a magistrate, whether this referred to drugs.

Both Maradona and his lawyer have strongly denied all drugs charges, though the player has not contested suggestions that he kept risqué female company.

Luigi Bobbio, a Naples magistrate, is also investigating claims by a football supporter, who said he carried a package from Argentina last year and delivered it to Maradona. He was told it contained magazines, yet he was paid £12,500 for the delivery. Maradona has denied any knowledge of such a payment and said any questions about it should be addressed to his former personal manager, Guillermo Coppola.

Maradona's discontent with Naples led to speculation in Italy yesterday that the positive drugs finding might have been deliberately inflicted as a way of breaking with Italy. This seems unlikely and probably reflects an Italian tendency to see conspiracies behind straightforward events.

He has made it clear that his main wish is to return to Argentina. That will not be possible unless the Italian authorities make an exception for him, as his passport was impounded over the drugs investigations.

In the past, he has frequently left Italy to play for his country, leading it to victory in the 1986 World Cup.

After beating England in the quarter-finals, Argentina scored a 2-1 victory over Belgium in the semi-final, with Maradona scoring both goals, one of which was among his finest. Argentina beat West Germany 3-2 in the final. In the 1990 World Cup, staged in Italy, Argentina were beaten in the final by West Germany, possibly reflecting a gradual decline in the form of a man who was once acknowledged as the world's finest player.

He began playing football at the age of ten with Argentinos Juniors and, as centre forward, subsequently played over 110 games for them from 1977 to 1980 before joining the Boca Juniors

After his move to Italy, his first big success was Naples' victory in the 1986 Italian league championship.



Maradona: facing charges

Honours shared at Oldham



Aiming for the top: Ritchie converts Oldham's penalty in the dying minutes to squeeze them back to the top of the second division yesterday

By PETER BALL

Oldham Athletic..... 1
West Ham United 1

IT REMAINS as you were at the top of the second division. Oldham Athletic and West Ham United finished all square at the end of a pulsating football match in the Lancashire sunshine yesterday afternoon, Andy Ritchie's late penalty cancelling out one by Ian Bishop on the hour to keep Oldham fractionally ahead on goal difference.

There is that little between the sides, who are clearly both bound for the first division even though both have shown signs of wobbling of late. Yesterday, they put their doubts behind them and on this form both would grace the upper echelons.

A penalty apiece might suggest a typical Easter promotion battle, with high stakes and frayed nerves spoiling the entertainment. Not so on this occasion. It was an enthralling match worthy of the occasion and the crowd which filled the ground in spite of some horrendous journeys for the West Ham contingent, and it was played in good spirit at high pace.

"A terrific game and a great advert for the two sides," Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, said, his pleasure undoubtedly increased by Ritchie's equaliser, three minutes from time.

The score was late, but no more than Oldham deserved. After taking the lead, West Ham had the chances to win the game as Oldham's defence frayed in anxiety, but the home side had dominated the first half, only some heroics by West Ham's player of the year, Ludek Miklosko, keeping them at bay.

"There's no doubt that he was the difference between us and a three-goal lead," Royle said. "What an assurance knowing that he is behind you."

One save, at point-blank range, from Ritchie's header, after a sinuey run down the left by Holden, bordered on the miraculous, but efforts to deny Ritchie again, Holden, Adams, Barrett and Redfearn were all instrumental in keeping his side in the game.

"The save from the header was phenomenal, but he made two or three other great saves," Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, said.

With Dowie leading the line impressively, his Luton Town background revealed in his balance on a surface usually unfriendly to big, sometimes clumsy centre forwards, Slater and Allen hovering dangerously and Parris a driving force in midfield, West Ham too had their moments, and after the interval, with the assurance that Miklosko was in invincible form, they began to prosper as Oldham tired.

Increasingly, the home side reverted to high crosses, a counter-productive move against a 6ft 4in centre half in front of a 6ft 5in goalkeeper.

West Ham may have added steel and defensive organisation under Bonds, but they still counter-attack progressively, and they had begun to look the more likely side even before they took the lead when Bishop scored from a penalty after Ritchie clawed Dowie's header out from under the bar.

Foster and Dowie might have increased the lead as Oldham became desperate, but instead, with time running out, Bishop and Ritchie reversed their positions in the penalty dance, Bishop taking over as culprit as he unnecessarily pulled down Halle as the impressive Norwegian turned away from goal.

Ritchie accepted his opportunity gleefully and at last found a way past Miklosko.

"It was disappointing to only draw after being ahead so close to the end," Bonds said, "but it looked like a penalty and in the end a draw was the fair result."

OLDHAM: J Hallworth; G Halle, A Barlow, N Henry, E Barrett, R Jobson, N Adams, A Ritchie, R Palmer (sub: G Currie), N Redfearn (sub: P Warhurst), R Holden.
WEST HAM UNITED: L Miklosko; S Potts, G Parris, A Gale, C Foster, C Hughton, I Bishop, F McAvennie, I Dowie, S Slater, M Allen.
Referee: G Aplin.

Top of second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	35	20	9	6	67	40	69
West Ham	35	19	12	4	47	23	69
Sheff Wed	34	17	14	3	62	35	65
Brighton	35	17	6	12	55	55	57
Middlesbro	36	16	8	12	55	37	56
Millwall	36	15	11	10	52	38	56
Bristol City	36	16	6	14	54	51	54
Notts Co	34	14	10	10	51	46	52

Graham leaps to defence of his goalkeeper

By CLIVE WHITE

GRAHAM Taylor, the England football manager, was yesterday admonished by George Graham, the Arsenal manager, for publicly apportioning blame to David Seaman, his goalkeeper, for England's failure to beat the Republic of Ireland in their European championship tie at Wembley on Wednesday.

Graham said that he was "astounded" that Taylor should criticise Seaman for not dictating to his fellow defenders in as forceful a manner as Peter Shilton, his predecessor, used to do. "One of the greatest goalkeepers was Pat Jennings and he was even quieter than David," Graham said.

The Arsenal manager has sung the praises of his £1.3 million summer signing louder than any of his other players this season and was in total disagreement with the England manager. "I can't see any logic to the argument," he said. "You're either a talker or you're not. David doesn't talk a lot, but it never effects Arsenal's performance."

Seaman has been a major factor in Arsenal's pursuit of the double following his signing from Queen's Park Rangers and has played no small part in the club's remarkable defensive record, which includes 24 clean sheets. "He was picked on merit and is still, in my opinion, the best goalkeeper in England," Graham said.

The Arsenal manager seemed to be particularly annoyed that Taylor should have singled out Seaman for blame in a disappointing performance all-round by England. "I'm surprised that the England manager should have a go at any individual player like that. In fact, I'm astounded.

"And it's been done through the press; he certainly hasn't spoken to the boy. It was Seaman's first competitive game and he did all right in my view. It must be disappointing for him to read what's been said."

One would have thought that it would not have mattered if Seaman completely lost his voice today with Derby County unlikely to get within shouting distance of the Arsenal goal. But Graham expects Arsenal to have their work cut out against a Derby side whose pride will have been stung by last week's 7-1 home defeat to Liverpool.

Taylor would appear to be in a no-win situation after dropping Chris Woods to make way for Seaman and came under some fire from another Scot, this time one north of the border.

Graeme Souness, the Rangers manager, said: "OK, every manager sees it differently and I would never begin to tell any manager how to do his job. But it's ironic that Woods should lose his England place when he's having his best season. There's nobody better than him in my opinion."

An improvement not to be welcomed

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

Serious students of the Boat Race programme will note a thoroughly distressing improvement in the tone of the literature for today's enactment of the annual aquatic contest between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge (thus was the event designated by the magistrate who fined Bertie Wooster £5 for his involvement in the pinching of a policeman's helmet on Boat Race night). One seeks in vain for the Wodehouse touch in the programme: one mourns the passing of that publication's robust tradition of undergraduate facetiousness.

This fine and utterly self-applauding commodity was once annually to be found in the self-penned portrait of the oarsmen: veiled obscenities, in-jokes, mickey-takes and whimsy. How well I remember the Boat Race programme in which Peter Hobson, the Cambridge cox, insisted that his hobby was "barge re-shaping". Ten minutes before the start of the race, he rammed a moored barge, smashed his boat into matchsticks and forced the Boat Race to be postponed for 24 hours while Cambridge borrowed a new boat.

But this year, the pen portraits are dull, pedantic and worthless as never before. Rupert Obholzer, the Oxford president, is a "third year botanist from Hampstead". The equally-promisingly named Neil Chugani is a "post-grad in politics and sociology". Only two Oxford crew members even try to make a joke: Calman Maclennan "trained on lasagne" and Richard Young is "interested in cycling up Headington Hill".

Cambridge are almost equally dull. In a fine year for names, Max Justicz "plays guitar". Andrew Bracey is a "wine buff". Nick Clarry at least tries: "likes campanology, China, under-developed economies". What has happened to under-graduate facetiousness? Actually, I have not the slightest doubt that it is alive and well. But the Boat Race, fiercer and more intense every year, has less and less humour and fewer and fewer undergraduates.

Stretching the truth

I hope the Cambridge crew have seen next month's *Regatta* magazine and availed themselves of the advertisement for "the revolutionary Extend-a-Bow". The picture shows an infra-red sensitive device located in the bow that, when another boat passes it, extends the bow forwards to steal those vital few feet. "Unbeatable for photo-finishes" reads the ad, from the highly-respected Nielsen-Kellerman company. Admittedly, Cambridge generally need an Extend-a-Bow about 100 yards long, but the idea is perfect. The advert explains that the product becomes available on April 1.

Confused? You will be

A gentleman named R. Chadwick writes to me suggesting that mighty Bath rugby union club should be charged with bringing the game into disrepute. He encloses a cutting from the *Nottingham Evening Post* to back his claim – a story in which Bath's first-team secretary, Richard Seaman, declared that the England player, Nigel Redmond, would not be playing for Bath in last weekend's crucial Courage Clubs Championship match against Nottingham. "The idea was to give out information to confuse Nottingham," Seaman was quoted as saying. Translation: "We thought lying would help us win." The Nottingham coach, Alan Davies, said: "It has not confused us at all." But Nottingham still lost – is there no justice in life?

Affair of the Herts

Great sport, as I have had occasion to write before, excites great passion. David Fieldsend, editor of *A Review of Non-League Football in Herts*, is engrossed in research for what will be a seminal publication. He is trying to gather together a statistical history of the Herts Senior County League, a publication that will include final league tables since its foundation in 1898, round-by-round results of the Aubrey Cup (which is its League Cup) and possibly the Reserve Cup as well. This is a mighty task, indeed, but someone has to do it. Fieldsend is missing a number of league tables, and is sadly short of info on the Aubrey Cup. If anyone can help this indefatigable man, I will be happy, as ever, to pass the information on (astonishingly, I haven't had a single reply to last week's invitation to adopt a handball player. I anticipate that they will be arriving in hundreds next week).

☐ *Shame on you if you thought Manchester United was the last English team left in Europe. Had you forgotten Wycombe Wanderers? They travel to Guernsey to play in the Victory Cup on Monday.*

Taken for a ride

Opportunism is part of sport. So, at least, thought Sylvester Carmouch Jr. He was riding a horse in the eleventh race on the card at Delta Down, Louisiana, recently. This was a beast called Landing Officer, a 23-1 shot that passed the post clear in front and was within a second-and-a-half of the track record. In other words, Carmouch overdid it. It was a foggy day, you see, and he slipped out of the back of the race, waited in the murk until the field had made a circuit of the track and rejoined the race at the front. He was never headed. But he was convicted of attempted theft, fined $250 and sentenced to 30 days in prison, 20 of which were suspended.

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